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Top: Bill Moyer, Al Scarton, and **Shawn McDonald** "ham it up" for the yearbook photographer, but **Lance Benko, Jim Garis** and **Tom Maloskey** seem to be more concerned with getting down from the announcer's booth at Crichton-McCormick Park. **Above:** Members of the **Class of '83** got together at the park and relived childhood days one Sunday afternoon in September.

Left: A common scene at the park: Friends passing an afternoon sitting on a park bench. Here **Lisa Markovich** and **Karen Yetsko** spend a pensive moment, possibly thinking about the past eleven years spent at Portage Area now that they have become seniors. **Below left: Kim Popchak** and **Becky O'Shaben** seem to be enjoying themselves at the annual bonfire. **Below: Old friends, John Leturgey** and **Phil Zdunczyk,** pose proudly in their shop at vo-tech.

"Old Friends, Old Friends
Sat On Their Park Bench
Like Bookends . . . "

Right: "Brenda! You said there wasn't anyone in there!" exclaims a surprised **Teresa Feathers** as the girls stand in the doorway of the Boys' Room. **Below: Missy Neilson** and **Jim Nelson** catch up on the latest sports news as they read a copy of **The Sporting News** during a break at vo-tech. **Bottom right: Lisa Roberts** will do anything to get out of class, even stage a fire drill.

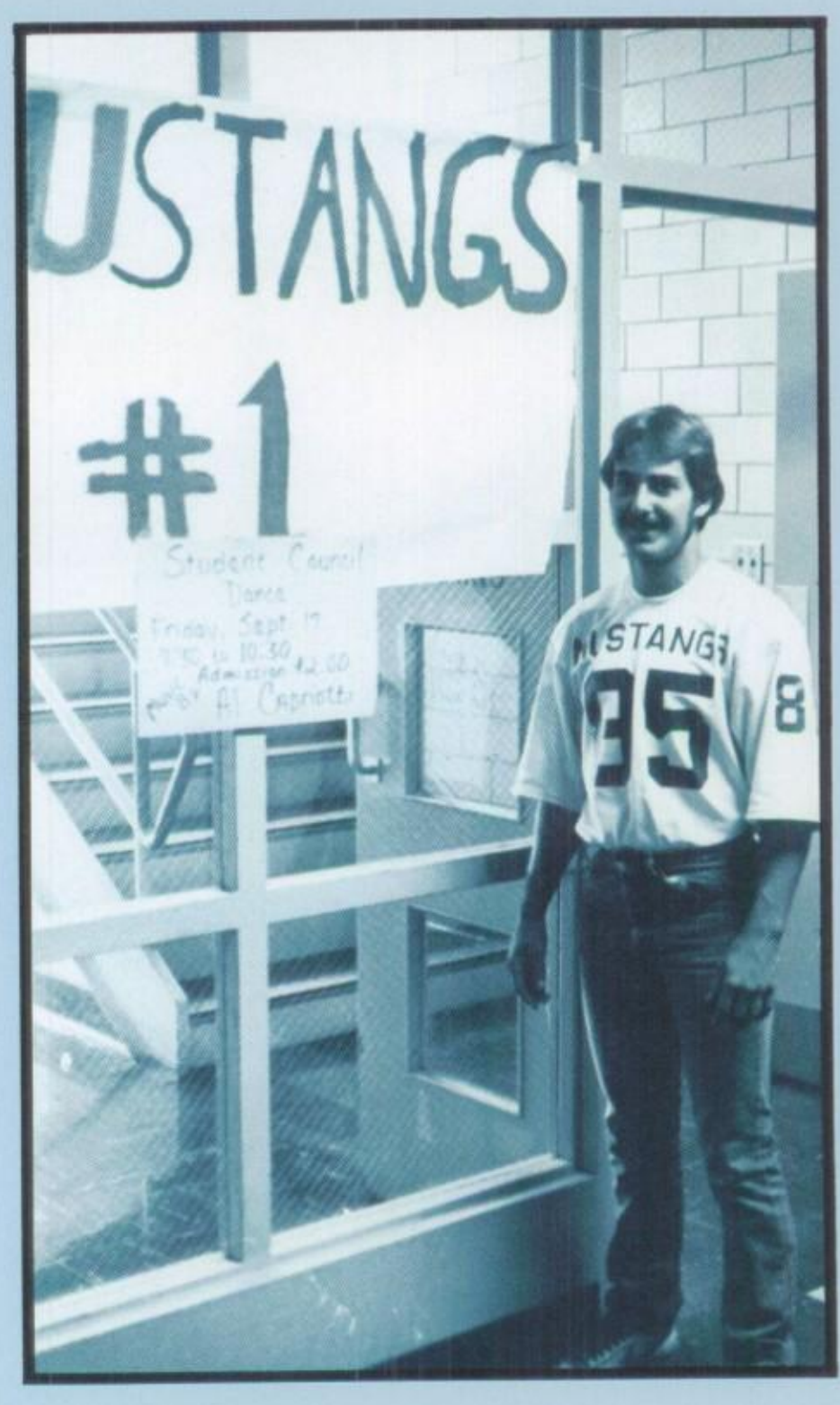
"Time It Was,
And What A Time It Was,
It Was . . ."

Top: "What's this!?" exclaims **Mr. McCabe** as **Dan Shuty** realizes that he will have to do his P.O.D. speech after all. **Above:** Loyal **fans,** including parents, students and teachers alike, cheer the Mustangs on to a victory against Bishop Carroll.

Above: Two friends spend a quiet moment in the deserted halls at the end of a school day. **Above right:** Although ready for graduation, **seniors** still enjoy a day at the park. **Right: Joel Connelly** (standing) points out an amusing picture from the 1982 yearbook to **Michelle Etienne, John DeHaven,** and **Cathy Walters,** who all seem to enjoy sharing the memories.

Below: Diane Maloney and **Lisa McCabe** stop at their lockers after school and exchange the "news of the day." **Below left:** The **majorettes** salute during the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

"A Time Of Innocence,
A Time Of Confidences . . .
I Have A Photograph.
Preserve Your Memories."



Above right: The **cheerleaders** perform on stage during the pep rally with some encouragement from **Mr. Bernazzoli. Above: Marty Miller** seems to be enjoying his lunch period while posing for the photographer, unaware of **Bob Baughman** posing behind him. **Right: Rick Shaffer** stands by one of the many signs put up by the student body. Our students give the Mustangs much support.

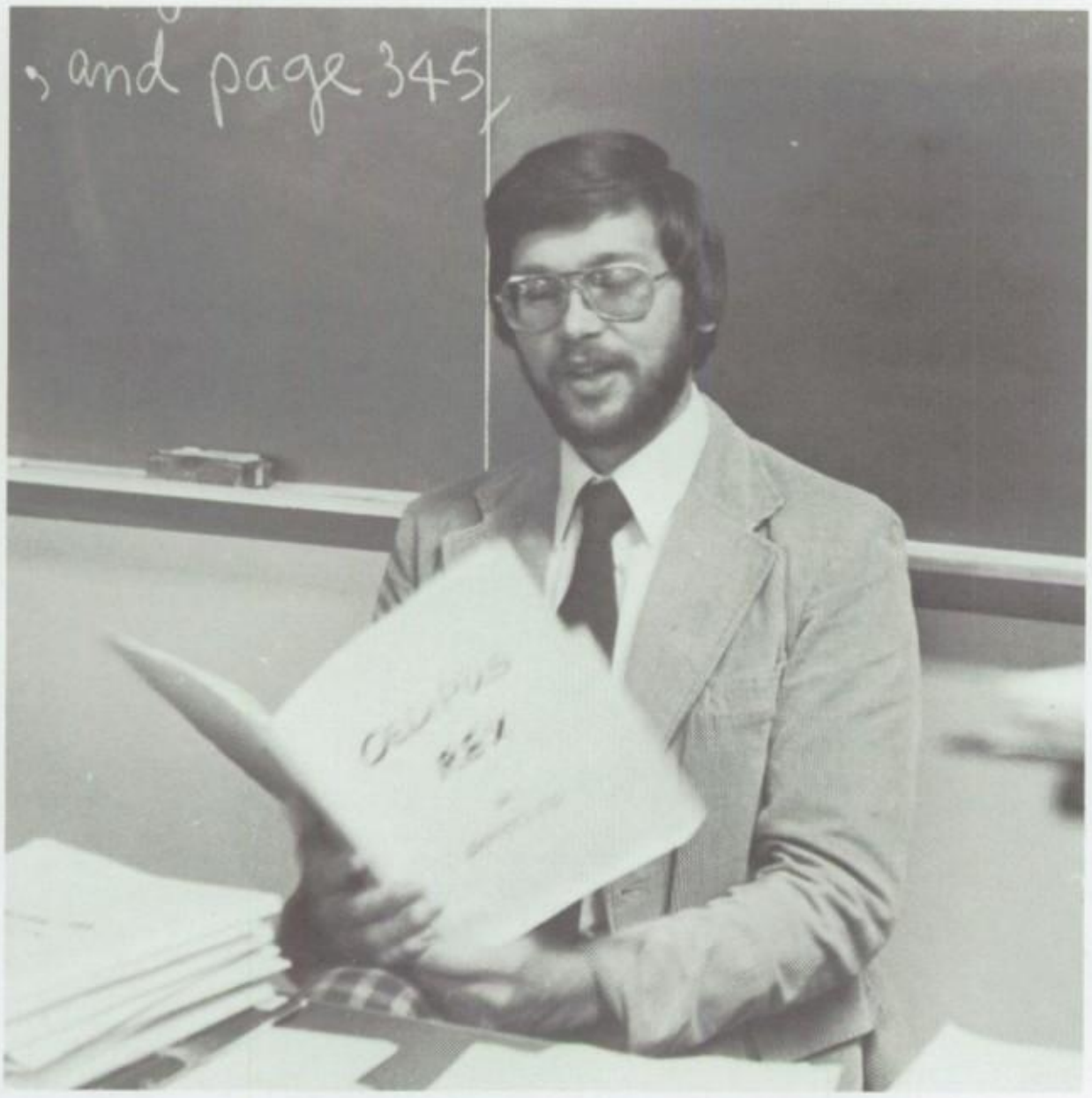
The members of the 1983 **Excelsior** staff have seleected "old friends . . . bookends" as the theme for the 1983 Portage Area High School Yearbook. The staff believes that the idea of friendship is one of the most important aspects of all students' high school years.

Although students begin making friendships in grade school, it is not until high school that students form lasting and more meaningful relationships with their fellow students. As students mature, their friendships become more sophisticated; they grow and develop. Friendships are a central part of all phases of school life, whether it be in classes, in sports, or in extra-curricular activities. These friendships form the "bookends" for one phase of each student's life, a phase of life that will be remembered forever.

Top: Mike Koenigsberg, Rich Rylke, Kevin Lazor, and **Paul Chobany** stand in the glow of the bon fire, possibly contemplating the upcoming football season. **Above: Jimmy Michaels** proudly shows his personal narrative as (left to right) **Bill Corrente, Matt Kleman, Larry Gloster, Paul Chobany, Tom Maloskey,** and **Dave Chappell** look on.

FACULTY AND CURRICULUM

It is the classroom instruction which each student receives that prepares Portage High School students for post high school years. The focus of the curriculum at PAHS is on preparing all students to be able to cope with the basic survival skills. There is a curriculum designed to meet the needs of the students pursuring further studies and training beyond high school. The Business Department offers a variety of courses for those students who plan to enter secretarial work. Vocational offerings are available to interested students through the Admiral Peary Vocational-Technical School. The faculty will always be remembered as instructors, but hopefully, students will someday look back and remember their teachers as a formative force in their youth . . as "old friends/bookends."



Far left: Miss Shevock explains a reading assignment to **Bobby Jubina. Bottom left: Mr. Black** found **Brenda George, Kathy Borenish, Terry Chappell** and **Teresa Feathers** hiding in the telephone booth. Do you think that he'll ever let them out? **Left: Mr. Vrabel** gives a dramatic reading from **Oedipus Rex** in one of his academic senior English classes. **Below: Mr. Nyeste** says, "Don't you dare," while his two witnesses, **Mr. & Mrs. Banks,** observe.

Lorraine Castel

Irene Huschak

William Ronan

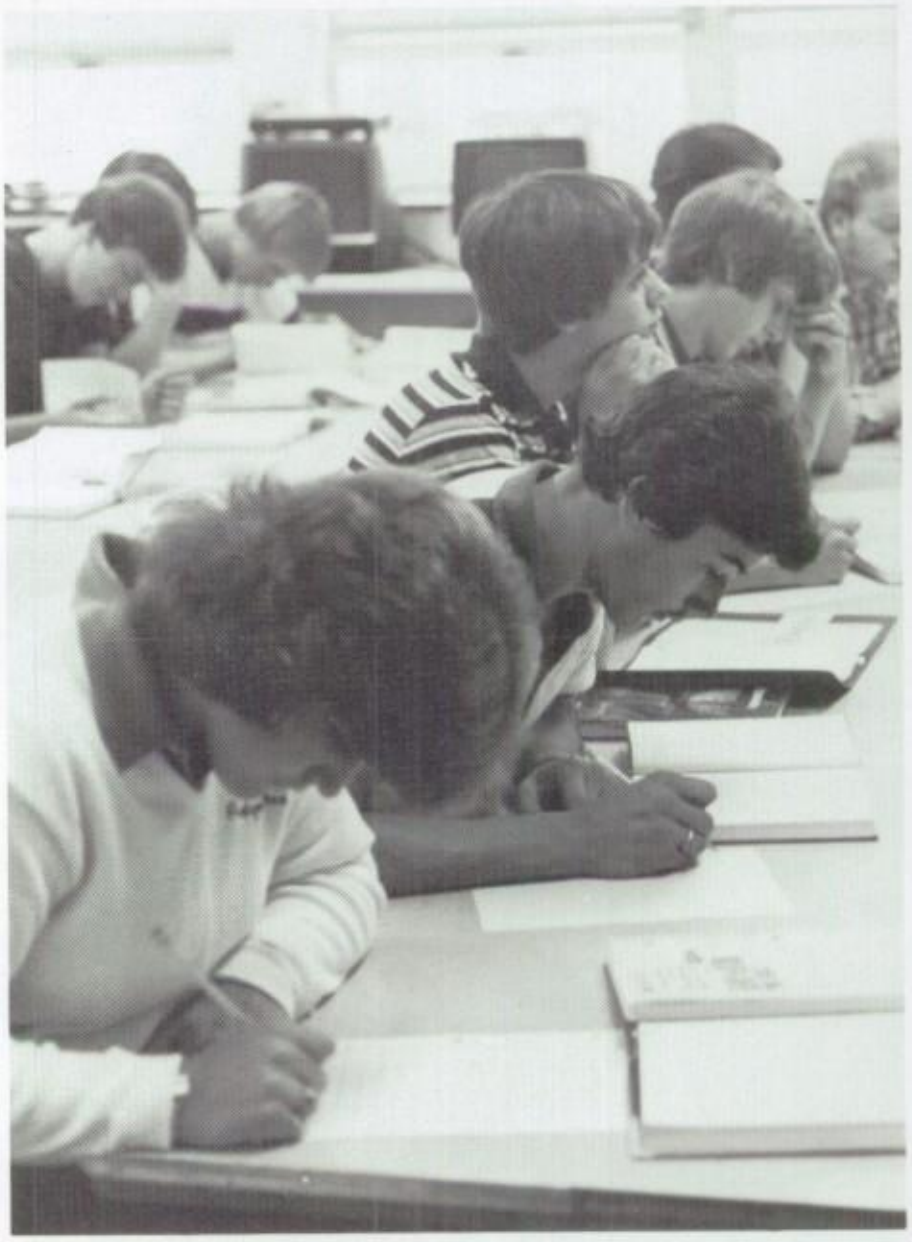
Adam Skomra

Math Program Expands Computer Offerings

All students in grades eight through twelve have the opportunity to benefit from the wide variety of math courses at PAHS. The math department is staffed with well-qualified teachers that are willing to help prepare students for their future needs. Each student must elect two math courses after eighth grade in order to receive a diploma.

The courses offered are Algebra I and II, geometry, trigonometry, analysis, basic math, calculus, essentials of math, and computer programming.

The curriculum is designed to include courses which meet the needs of all students.



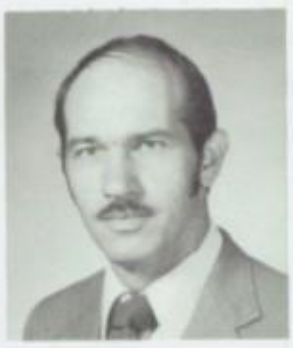
Above: Everyone is busy at work in trig class but **Joe Bailey** seems to be in a daze. Is he thinking about math? **Top left: Phil Butterbaugh** and **Tim Enderlein** work on feeding a program into one of the PET computers.

Science Curriculum Meets Students' Needs

There are many science courses that can be taken at PAHS. Generally, eighth grade students enroll in physical science. Depending on his ability, a student can be placed in Biology 1 in ninth grade. Other ninth graders enroll in the life science course.

In grades ten through twelve, students may choose from several science electives. These choices consist of physical science, life science, Biology 1 and 11, Chemistry 1 and 11, physics, environmental studies, and the Junior Academy of Science.

The science program has a wide range of offerings which are geared to meet the needs and interests of the entire student body.



J. Cameron Benko

Richard Bernazzoli

Herman Carl

Mario Pieraccini

Top: Bill Corrente does all the work setting up a physics lab while **Mike Ringler** and **Chuck Makosky** watch. **Above: Ken Bailey, Kristene Miller, Tina Mandichak,** and **Pat Tully** think that it is much easier to take apart the model of the body in biology class than it is to put it back together.

Sandra Covel

Evelyn Iacurto

Donald Sheridan

Susan Shevock

Jean Palmer

Fred Vrabel

Catherine Yanzetich

Language Arts Dept. Emphasizes Developing Basic Skills

At Portage Area High School all of the students must take an English course every year. In Portage's classes, the students study grammar and usage rules, punctuation and capitalization, composition, speech, literature, vocabulary.

For the seniors there are academic, vocational, and Business English classes. Last year Theme Writing 8 was added to the English curriculum. The purpose of this course is to help eighth graders develop a greater degree of competency in writing.

There is also a journalism elective for the senior high students. In addition to studying the basics of journalistic writing, these students get to apply this information since they help to prepare the yearbook and the school newspaper.

Above: Sophomore English students work diligently on a dictionary assignment. **Above left:** Students in an **eighth grade reading class** work independently on their reading assignment.

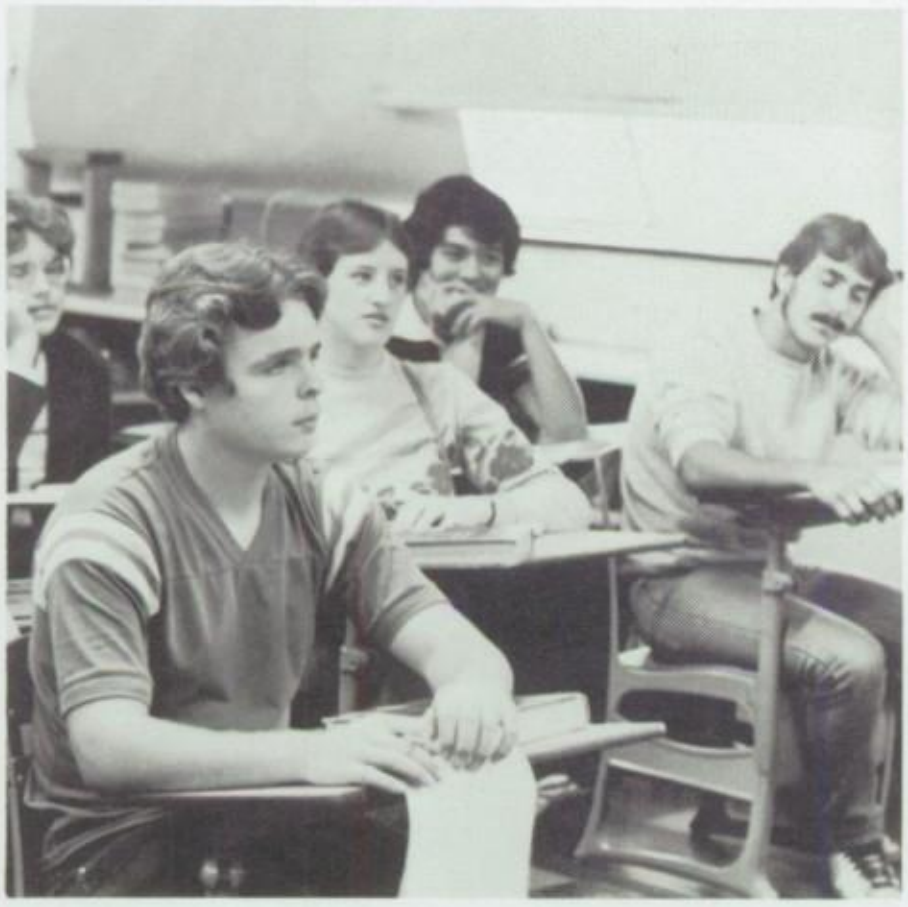
Edward Layo

Larry McCabe

Joseph Norris

George Skutch

Gary Yusko



Top: Mr. Skutch checks **Christine Harriton's** homework as the rest of the class works on a history assignment. **Above:** Students in an eleventh grade World Cultures 11 class listen attentively. **Rick Shaffer,** are you listening?

Social Studies Courses Serve Varied Purposes

Social studies offerings at PAHS range from the study of ancient civilizations to the study of current world situations. The curriculum follows a structured sequence. All eighth graders enroll in American Cultures 1 which focuses on the development of the U.S. from the early exploration of America to the end of the Civil War.

Freshmen take Pennsylvania history and civics. PA history covers the history of our state from the time of the Indians to the Civil War. Civics emphasizes the study of our national, state, and local governments. Freshmen also take universal cultures and customs, a geography course.

Sophomores study American Cultures 11 which explores social, political, and economic aspects of American history from the Reconstruction Period to the present. Juniors study World Cultures 11 which covers ancient civilizations and medieval times.

Seniors enroll in American Democracy and Economics, commonly called P.O.D. The course highlights the study of the way our government works; the seniors also learn how to fill out income tax forms. People and environmental conditions is an elective world geography course offered to senior high students.

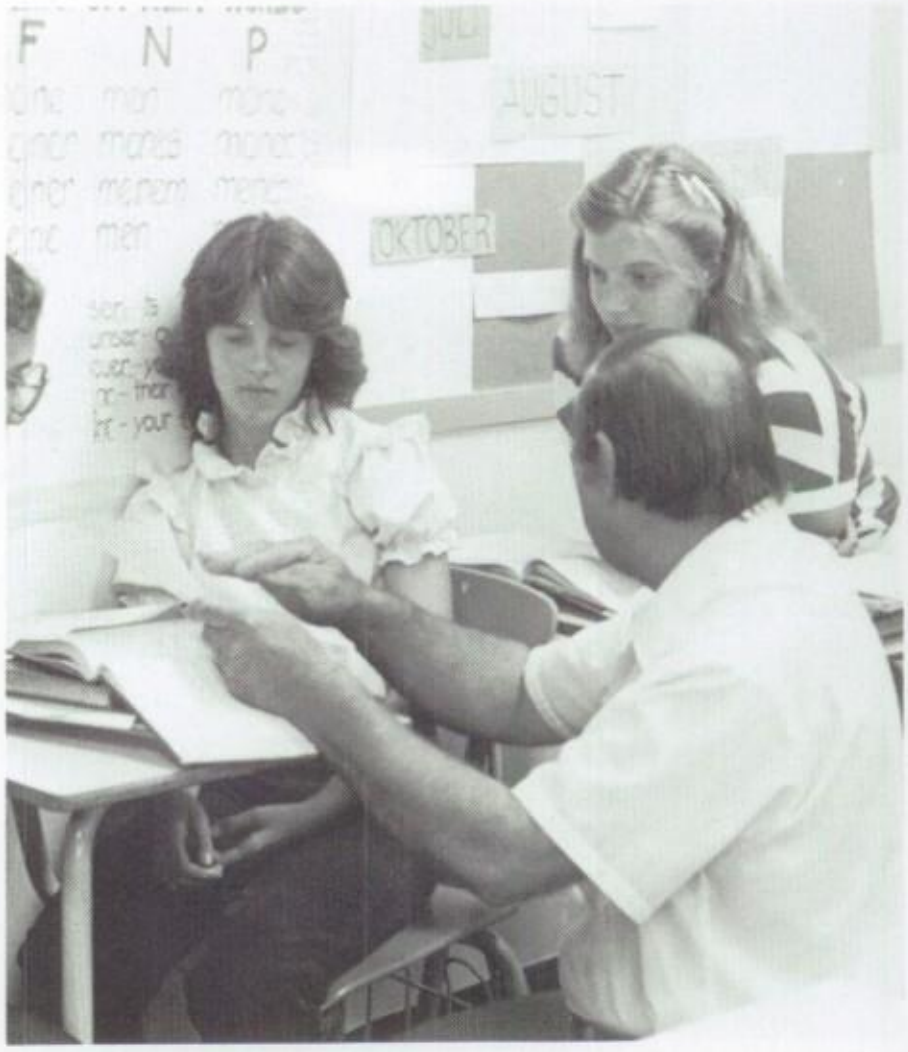
Trudy Banks

Joseph Makosky

Below: Students enjoy **Mrs. Banks'** enthusiasm in teaching their French 111 class. **Bottom right: Mr. Makosky** helps many of his students invididually during German class. Here he explains a homework assignment to **Tammy Schaffranek** and **Rhonda Schmidt.**

French And German Courses Supplement Curriculum

French and German are the two foreign languages offered at PAHS. These languages are not required courses, but they give the students a chance to learn the different languages and customs of each of these countries. Enrolling in a foreign language may also help those students who are preparing for college. Students from grades 9 to 12 have the opportunity to take either French or German. French offers a four year program and German offers a three year program.



William Holtz

Carol Mathieson

Above right: Senior high students sharpen their typing skills during activities' period. **Above: Miss Mathieson** instructs Sherry Litzinger on the methods of using the mimeograph machine.

Business Curriculum Readies Students For Secretarial Positions

The Portage Area Business Department exposes students to many skills essential for the modern secretary. It also turns out well-informed persons who are familiar with the many business machines which are used in performing secretarial duties. There are a variety of courses available including bookkeeping, general business, business math, Shorthand 1 and 11, Typing 1 and 11, accounting, office practice, business law, Business English, filing, word processing, and consumer education.

Ron Black

Edward Nezneski

June Voyzey

Below: Mrs. Voyzey's ceramic class works industriously to complete their individual projects. **Bottom right:** Soloists **Maria George, Bonnie Hochrein, Beth Hochrein,** and **Kim Sweeney** perform during half-time at a home football game.

Fine Arts Program Fosters Student Talents

Whether it is art, band or chorus, interested PAHS students have the opportunity to take these electives.

Art students may take a variety of courses such as Art 1 and 11, Ceramics 1 and 11, or Leather 1 and 11. The junior high students must take art in grades 8 and 9. These courses cover units in painting, letter designing, sculpting, ceramics, and crafts.

Eighth grade students must take music. This course includes a basic history of music. Senior high students have the chance to take the following electives: senior high chorus and music appreciation.

Junior and senior high students may take part in the high school band which spends many hours working to perfect routines for half-time football shows, parades, and concerts.

Practical Arts Courses Developes Student Abilities

The home economics and industrial arts offerings give the students which enroll in these courses practical experience.

In home economics, junior high students study such units as construction of a simple sewing project, care and enjoyment of young children, food and health fitness, and handcrafts. Senior high students study units in marriage and parenting, food and nutrition, meal planning, and the selection and construction of clothing.

Similarly, shop students in junior high study units in blueprint reading, woodworking, plastics, and metal working. Senior high classes include woodworking, mechanical drawing and metal working.

These courses help to prepare students for the life they must face beyond the confines of their parents' care.

Marykathryn Jenkins

James Johnson

Top: Tim Price and **Karen Yetsko** try to sweep the dirt under the garbage can but are caught by the teacher. **Above:** Members of the **Plastics 11 class** work independently on their projects that Mr. Johnson has assigned them.

Students Benefit From Special Services

PAHS students are offered a variety of special services. Mr. Donald Timura, who is home and school visitor, also serves as the coordinator of federal programs at Portage.

James Casale, librarian is always busy helping students find all the information which they need for research papers and reports.

Mr. John Kittell provides special education students with basic skills that will help them in their futures. A teacher's aide has been assigned to help Mr. Kittell attain these goals.

Mr. Makosky is the high school guidance counselor. He administers tests and provides aid and information to those who plan post high school education.

Mr. Milan Saula instructs students in the fundamentals of safe driving. These students receive both classroom instruction and training in driving "on the road."

James Casale

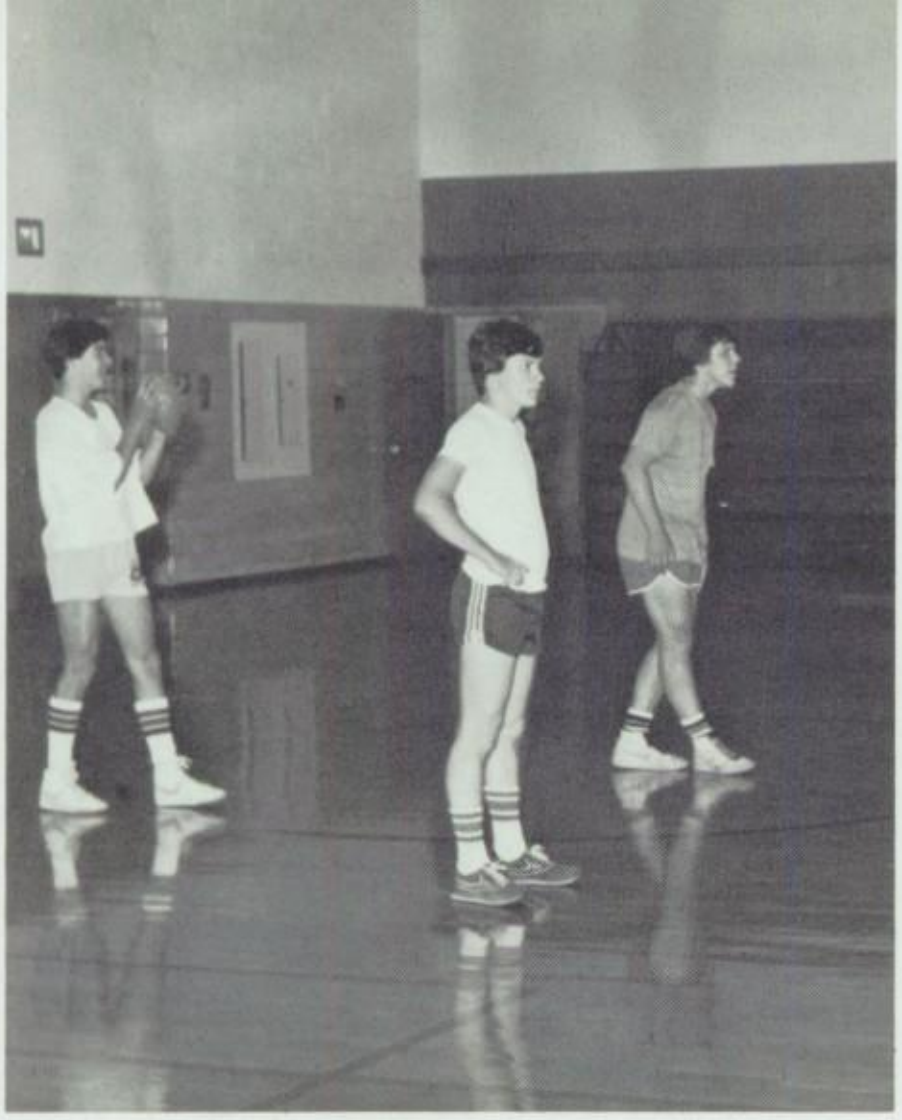
John Kittell

Joseph Makosky

Milan Saula

Donald Timura

Top: The photographer snaps a picture as **Mike Koenigsberg** and **Mr. Saula** head outside to the driver's education car. **Above: Mr. Kittell** checks papers while his students work independently.



Physical Welfare Of Students Concerns Nurse And Physical Education Dept.

Physical education classes are taught by Mrs. Slonac and Mr. Conrad. These classes afford the students the opportunity to develop physical fitness and stress the importance of healthful living.

Health classes are taught by Mr. Culbertson and Mr. Conrad. All ninth and tenth grade students must enroll in health. In these classes, the students learn about social health problems, safety education, and family survival.

When Miss Lazere is not busy with school physicals and eye examinations, she is listening to the students describe a variety of ailments. She has a full schedule because she serves both the elementary school and the high school.

Ralph Conrad

Russell Culbertson

Doris Lazere

Margaret Slonac

Top left: During gym class the boys participate in playing a game of football while **Gary Spaid** quarterbacks. **Above:** "Gee, **Miss Lazere,**" **Val Grecek** insists, "I haven't grown an inch since ninth grade." **Dan Kuisick** waits his turn to be measured.

Right: CAFETERIA STAFF—Left to right: Pat Woods, Ray Torrez, Marge Hopper, Betty Richardson.
Below: BUS DRIVERS—Left to right: Emery Miller, Bill Banfield, Clarence Reese, John Kelly, George Alexander, David White, Ed Pileski, Art Vaughn.
Bottom right: SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mike Zaher.

Bus Drivers, Cooks, And Custodians Work To Facilitate School Life

The members of the cafeteria staff work conscientiously to prepare the nutritious meals for the students. The custodians are busy making certain that the school is clean and that everything in the school is in proper working order. The bus drivers have the duty of transporting the students to and from school. Each of these groups is important in the daily operation of the school.

Eleanor Jenkins

Joann Kisic

Mary Ann Krisko

Marilyn Layo

Betty McGough

Stephanie Onder

Reta Wess

Jean Ann Wilson

Above right: Ethel Girard—E.C.I.A. Aide. **Above: Ed Shedlock**—Daytime Custodian.

Secretarial Staff And Aides Perform Many Duties And Services

The secretarial staff performs various duties. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Layo, and Mrs. Jenkins, who are secretaries for Mr. Hepner, Mr. Koza, and Mr. Nyeste respectively, have rather demanding jobs and numerous responsibilities.

Mrs. Kisic works in the guidance office. Mrs. McGough works with students in the business classes. Mrs. Girard is an aide in Miss Shevock's reading classes. Ms. Wess, a new aide this year, works with Mr. Kittell in his special education classes.

Below: Greg Zimmerman works on installing a muffler in auto mechanics class at Admiral Peary Vo-Tech. **Right: Francine Zaman** gives **Debbie Rocker** a hair cut. Does **Debbie** look pleased or doesn't she? **Bottom right: Bernadette Kostan** and **Missy Neilson** look at the information on one of the computers in their data processing class.

Admiral Peary Vo-Tech Provides Numerous Vocational Programs

Vocational training is available for interested PAHS students through the Admiral Peary Vocational-Technical School which is located in Ebensburg. There are twenty programs offered at the vo-tech. These include agriculture production, horticulture, small engine repair, automotive body repair, automotive mechanical repair, carpentry, construction, electricity, masonry, plumbing, machining, modern methods mining, welding, industrial electricity, radio and television repair, drafting and design, data processing, cosmetology, health services, distributive education, quanity food services.

Most of the programs are two year courses; however, some programs are three year courses. PAHS juniors attend vo-tech during the morning session, while the seniors attend the vo-tech in the afternoon. Portage High School provides these students with their English, history and physical education courses plus any electives which these students can work into their schedules. All extra curricular activities are provided by the home school.

Top: Sandy Causer, Linda Hunt and **Wanda Lego** prepare pizza in their quanity food service class at vo-tech. **Above: Mike Hutsky** and **Larry Baker** seem to be enjoying a well-deserved break from their mining class. **Left: Mark Poorman** tries to improve his skills in his welding class.

Administration Works For School Improvement

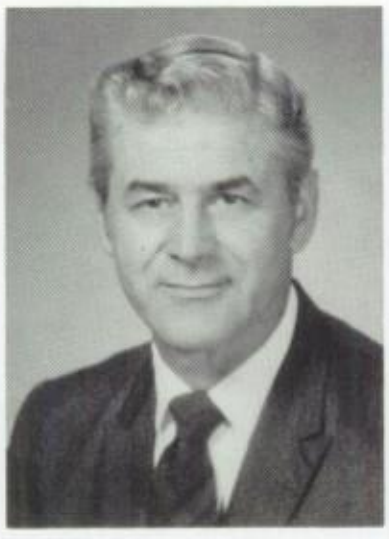
In order to provide a successful, well-balanced curriculum, a school district must have a good administrative staff. Four men help to make this possible in the Portage Area Schools.

Mr. James A. Hepner, superintendent of schools, strives to maintain a quality education system with the help of the other administrators, the school board members, the members of the faculty, and the students.

Mr. Stephen J. Nyeste, who is the high school principal, along with the help of Assistant Principal John Koza, works to see that the school is run efficiently and smoothly. Both men also work with the members of the faculty to revise the curriculum. Mr. Koza is also quite busy with his duties as athletic director.

Mr. Thomas Wilson is business manager for the Portage Area School District. His job is to handle the financial matters of the school district.

James Hepner
Superintendent of Schools



Stephen Nyeste
High School Principal

John Koza
Assistant Principal
Athletic Director

Thomas Wilson
Business Manager

Far left: Mr. Nyeste greets the students with his customary morning announcements. **Left:** The job of Superintendent of Schools is a demanding one. **Mr. Hepner** spends many hours on the phone taking care of administrative business.

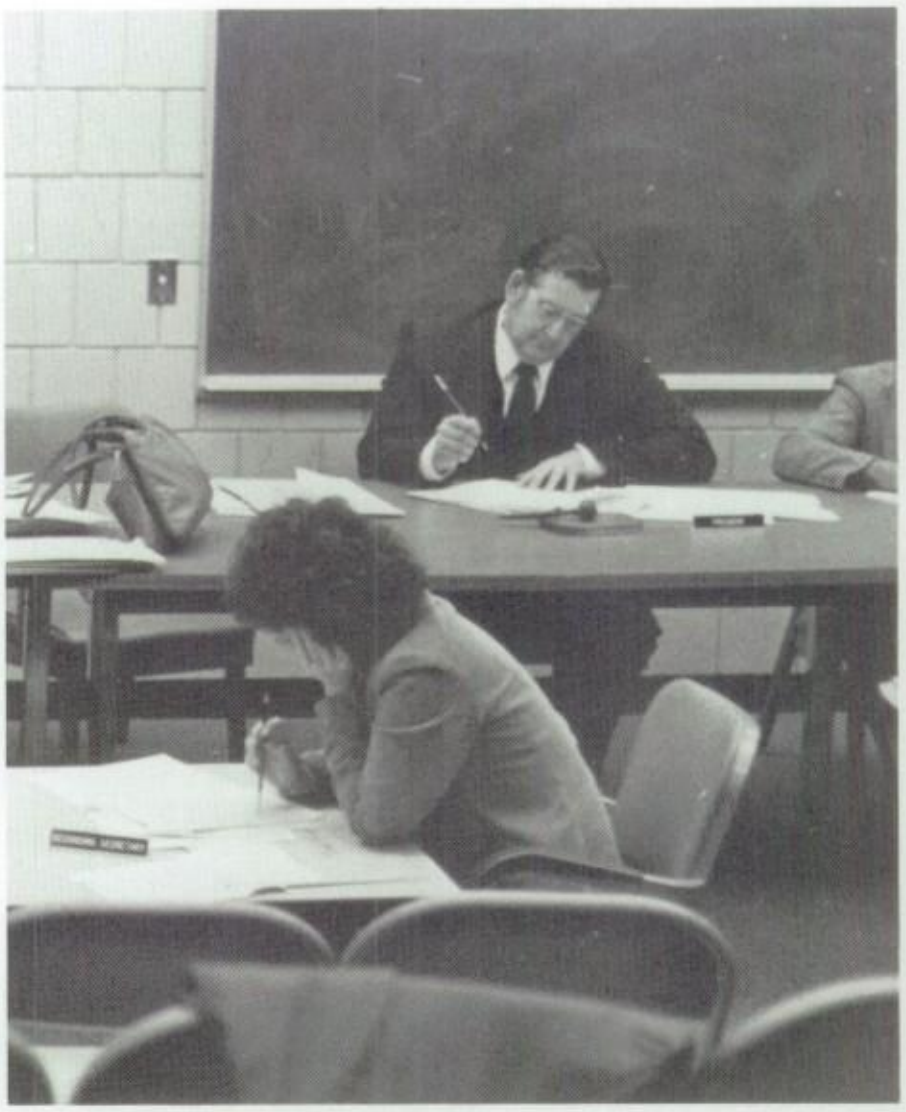
Above right: Mr. Wilson devotes his busy days to taking care of the financial matters of the Portage Area School District. **Above: Mr. Koza,** who is assistant principal and athletic director, checks over the boys basketball schedule.

Board Of School Directors Oversees The Operations Of Portage Area Schools

The members of the Board of School Directors for the Portage Area Schools have an extremely responsible job. Perhaps their top priority is promoting a sound educational curriculum for all students in the school district. In addition, this nine member organization must establish, equip, and maintain an adequate number of schools for the students in the district. The board also has the authority to levy and collect taxes necessary for the functioning of the schools.

Also, the board determines the school calendar; it is responsible for hiring teachers, administrators, and other employees. It adopts an annual budget and sets salaries for all employees.

Fulfilling all the responsibilities of a school board member is quite demanding. All members of the Portage Area School Board do their best to see that the educational opportunities for the Portage students are the best that can be offered.



Above: 1982-83 BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS—Left to right, row 1: Jerome Yetsko, Bertha Fedore, Nancy Sherbine, William Furtkevic, James A. Hepner—superintendent of schools, Kathy Hough—recording secretary. **Row 2:** Dr. James McConnell, William Kearney, Michael Harrison, Ronald Leckey, Ferdinand Bionaz—solicitor, Thomas Wilson—business manager. **Absent from photo:** Michael D. Kittell.

Far left: School board president, **Jerome Yetsko,** looks over the agenda of a typical school board meeting. **Left:** At the beginning of each school board meeting, the members pledge allegiance to the American flag.

Above: 1982-83 SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS—Left to right: Nancy Sherbine—vice-president, Jerome Yetsko—president, Bertha Fedore—secretary, Ferdinand Bionaz—school board solicitor.

UNDERCLASSMEN

As the years go by, an underclassmen goes through many stages. This year PAHS eighth graders finally made it to high school. Ninth graders had the "honor" to be called freshmen. The sophomores finally got in to senior high, and the juniors only have one more year to complete after this one. During the years that students spend as underclassmen, they attend countless classes, join various clubs and organizations, and participate in athletic programs. Throughout these high school years, these same students also form friendships, some of which last many years beyond high school. When all other aspects of school life are forgotten, the memories of the friendships formed here will always be recalled.

Far left: Kim Thomas, Mary Beth Sigado, and **Bonnie Michrina,** all members of the PAHS band, admire the band awards in the trophy case in the auditorium. **Left: Underclassmen** enjoy a few moments talking after lunch before the bell rings for their hectic day of classes to resume. **Bottom left: Charles Fultz,** standing at the teacher's desk, patiently waits for the teacher to return his paper to him. **Below: Juniors** enjoy another exciting algebra class.

Right: JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS AND ADVISERS — Left to right: Doug Pauley—vice president, Dawn Fetsko—secretary, Joe Krisko—treasurer, Mr. Bernazzoli—adviser, Mike Koenigsberg—president, Mr. Nyeste—adviser. **Far right: Kim Sweeney** checks for a textbook in Sharon Grove's locker.

Jilann Anderson
Missy Behe
Shelly Benjack
Kerri Bentley
Don Berkheimer
Ron Berkheimer

Tammy Bloom
Mike Bodosky
John Borlie
Emil Branas
Thomas Branas
Cindy Bryson

Sue Bryja
Dotty Burkett
Phil Butterbaugh
Carmelia Campagna
Doug Chappell
Joel Connelly

Jill Crum
Bob Crum
Robert Cyran
Lisa Diehl
Tim Enderlein
Sue Farren

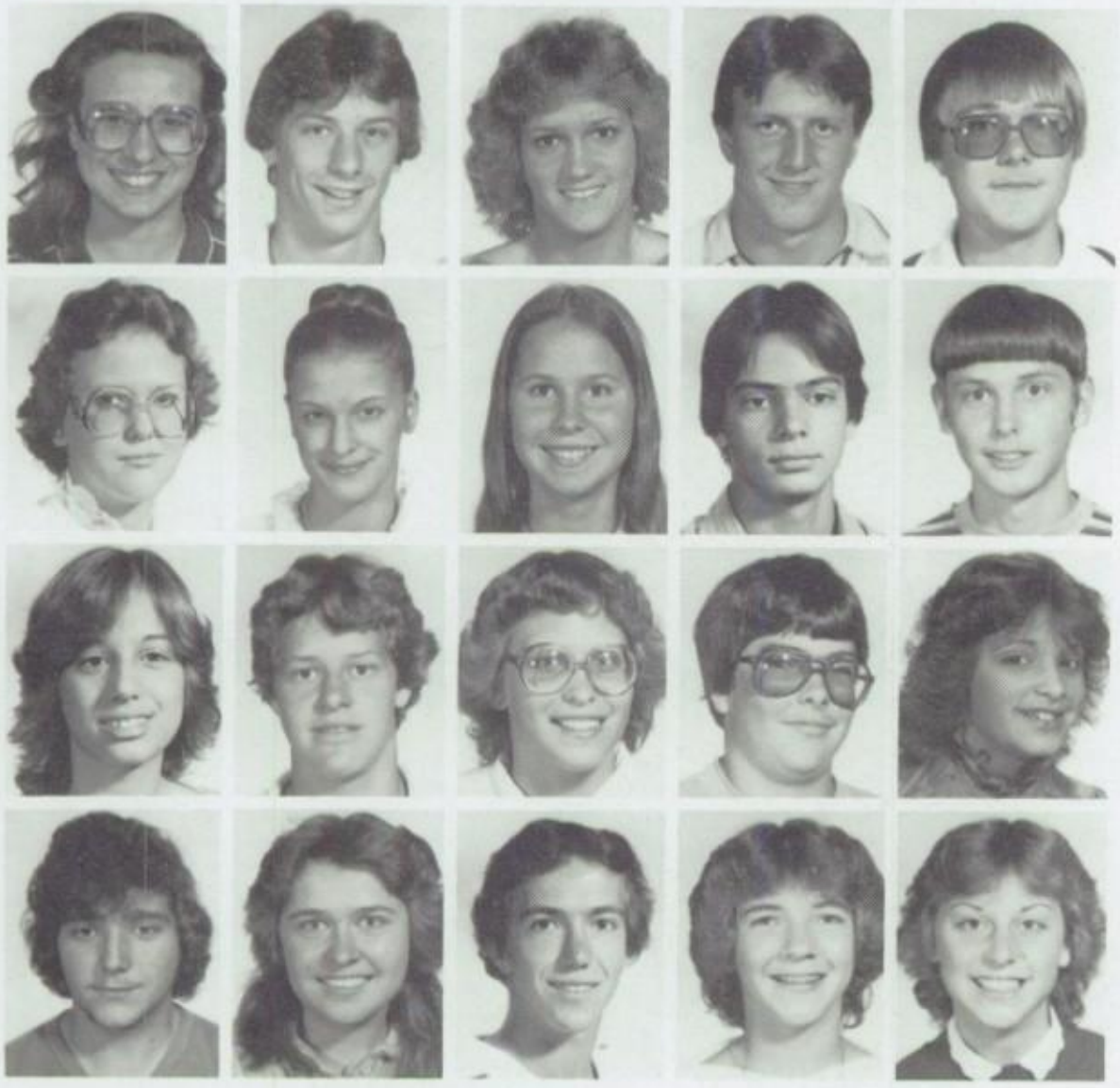
Dawn Fetsko
Randy Forst
Robert Fox
Tim Fuzie
Mark Gahagen
Kathy Galla

Juniors Spend Busy Year Planning 1983 Jr.-Sr. Prom

Throughout the 1982-83 school term, members of the junior class devoted much time to the financing and the planning of the 1983 Portage Area Junior-Senior Prom. This project kept many members of the class quite busy, especially the officers.

Their first selling project was held in October. The class worked feverishly throughout the community as they conducted the annual junior class magazine sale. This year the juniors sold over $9,700 worth of magazine subscriptions. The profit earned from the sale was approximately $3,600. The class also conducted one other fund raising project to earn money to finance the prom.

The class officers, advisers, and other members of the class devoted many hours planning and preparing a successful prom. The prom was held at the Altoona-Sheraton in May.



Dawn Gentile
Neil Glista
JoAnn Gossard
Don Gouse
Robert Grecek

Chris Grove
Kim Grove
Sharon Grove
Eric Gruss
Kip Hanak

Nancy Hodgson
John Hollop
Chris Hudak
Keith Kearney
Kristin Kick

Ron Kick
Mary Kleman
Mike Koenigsberg
Brenda Koshak
Deborah Koza

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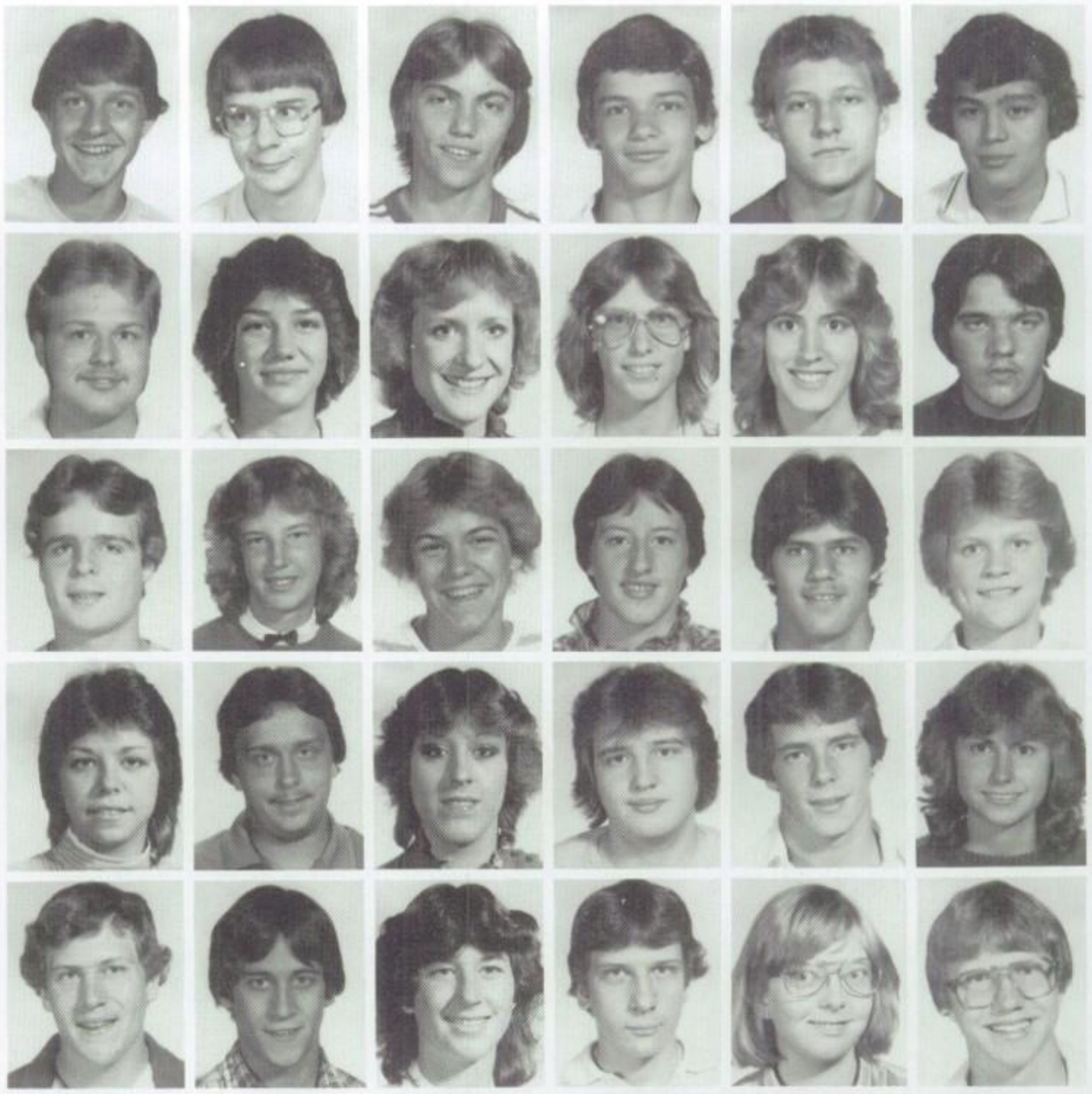

Rich Koval
Richard Krenjeck
Don Krinjeck
Joe Krisko
Dan Kuisick
Robert Kulick

Samuel Lamar
Debbie Latherow
Annette Latoche
Veronica Lego
Lynn Leturgey
Robert Lytle

Ronald Maul
Bonnie Michrina
Glenna Morgan
Barbara Myers
Dean McCabe
Missy McQuillen

Michelle Noble
Joe Oklamchak
Cindy Orlosky
Ed Pawloski
Doug Pauley
Trina Petney

Bill Piatak
Charles Plummer
Janae Plummer
David Pollock
Janis Rambeau
Doug Redfern

Tim Riskus
Tom Riskus
Lisa Roberts
Valerie Sabala
Vanessa Sabala
Ralph Scoran

Course Offerings For Juniors Meet Students' Needs

All eleventh grade students are required to take English III, World Cultures II, physical education and driver's education. In addition to these mandated courses, juniors have the choice of numerous electives including classes in math, science, German, French, home economics, industrial arts, art classes, band, chorus, and numerous offerings in the business department. Also, the juniors have the option of enrolling in one of the programs at the Admiral Peary Vo-Tech.

Bottom, far left: Juniors begin a traditional school day saluting the American flag. **Left:** Seven of the **juniors** show their prizes that they were awarded during their magazine sales. The profit of the sale goes toward the financing of the 1983 Junior-Senior Prom.

Lisa Sendzik
Glynnis Shaffer
Richard Shaffer
Mary Beth Sigado
Ron Skura
Elaine Smith

Renee E. Smith
Renee M. Smith
Mike Solarczyk
Shawna Sossong
Michele Spahr
Tony Stager

Lisa Stager
Denise Stoker
Tracey Strayer
Kim Sweeney
Eugene Thomas
Kim Thomas

Yvette Townsend
Ed Treese
Rich Vermeulin
Stewart Warner
Tracey Weaver
John Whitcomb

Melinda Wilson
Tim Wodoslawsky
Lori Wolford
Charles Wyandt
Denise Wytosick
Stanley Zock

Kevin Adams
Ken Bailey
Yvette Benko
Eric Bobolsky
Susan Borlie

Heather Jo Burns
Tracy Byers
Jamie Cadwallader
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Linda Causer

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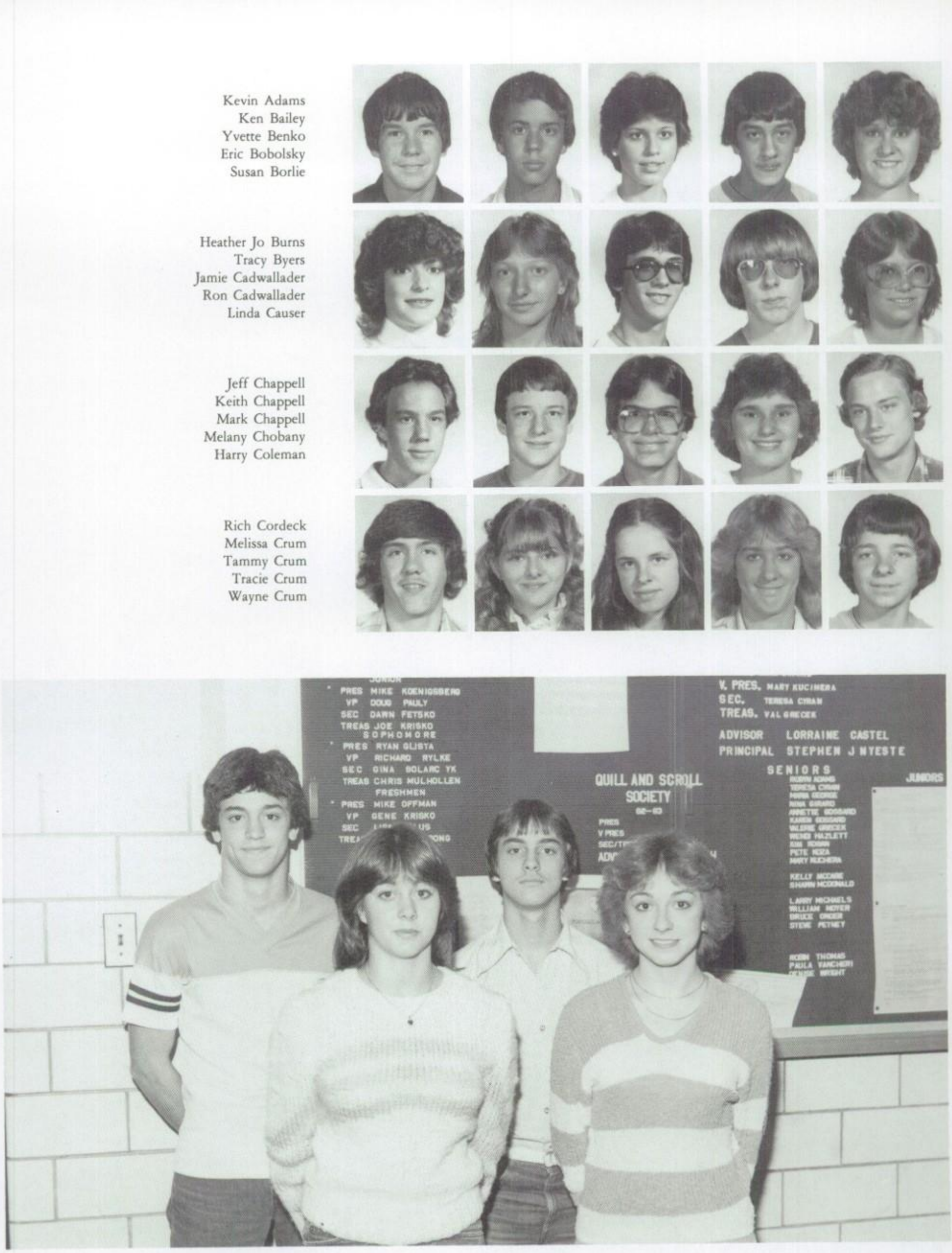
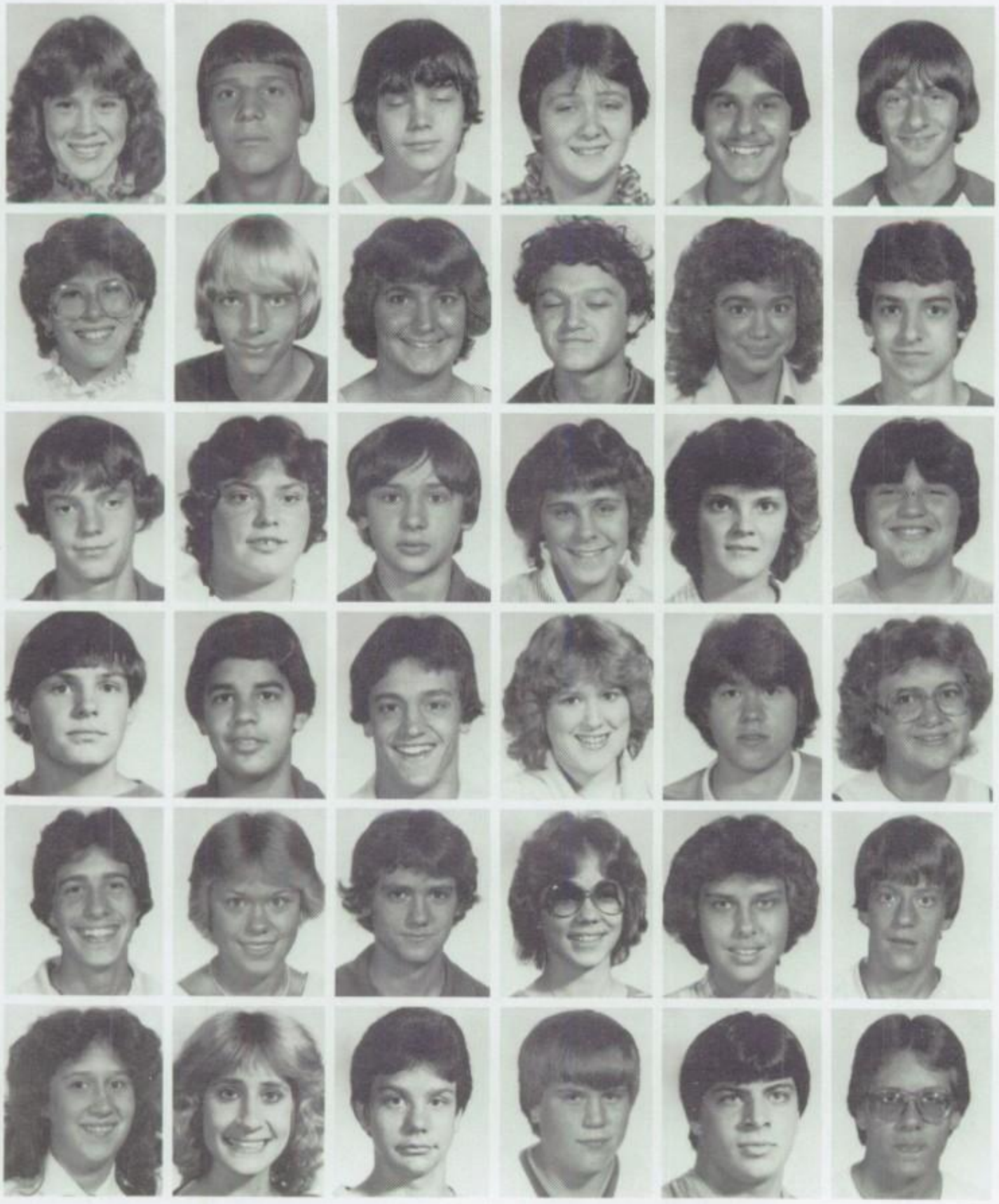


Above, far right: Jeff Plummer, who is quite conscious of the importance of good grooming, fixes his hair before class begins. **Above: SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS—Left to right:** Ryan Glista—president; Gina Solarczyk—secretary; Rich Rylke—vice-president; Chris Mulhollen—treasurer.

Sophs. Have Course Options

All sophomores must enroll in certain prescribed classes. These required classes include English II, American Cultures II, health, and physical education. In addition to these classes, the sophomores have the option of choosing from a wide variety of elective courses to fill their schedules and to meet their needs and interests. There are courses available in the academic area and in the commercial field.

There are several electives which sophomores may take. Among the possibilities are French, German, art, band, chorus, journalism, industrial arts, or home economics. There are also a variety of math and science electives which they may take. Whatever choices that the sophomores make in selecting courses, they are important ones for their futurres.



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Tony DeLuca
Ricky Erickson

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Ted Farabaugh
Sandy Farren
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Jeanine Fedorko
Tim Forst

Keith Gahagen
Marsha Gallaher
Mike Gallo
Cathy George
Debbie George
Robert George

Tim George
Tony Girard
Ryan Glista
Gwen Gorba
Don Goughnour
Laurie Gouse

Fred Gray
Natalie Grecek
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Michele Irvin
Samantha Jones
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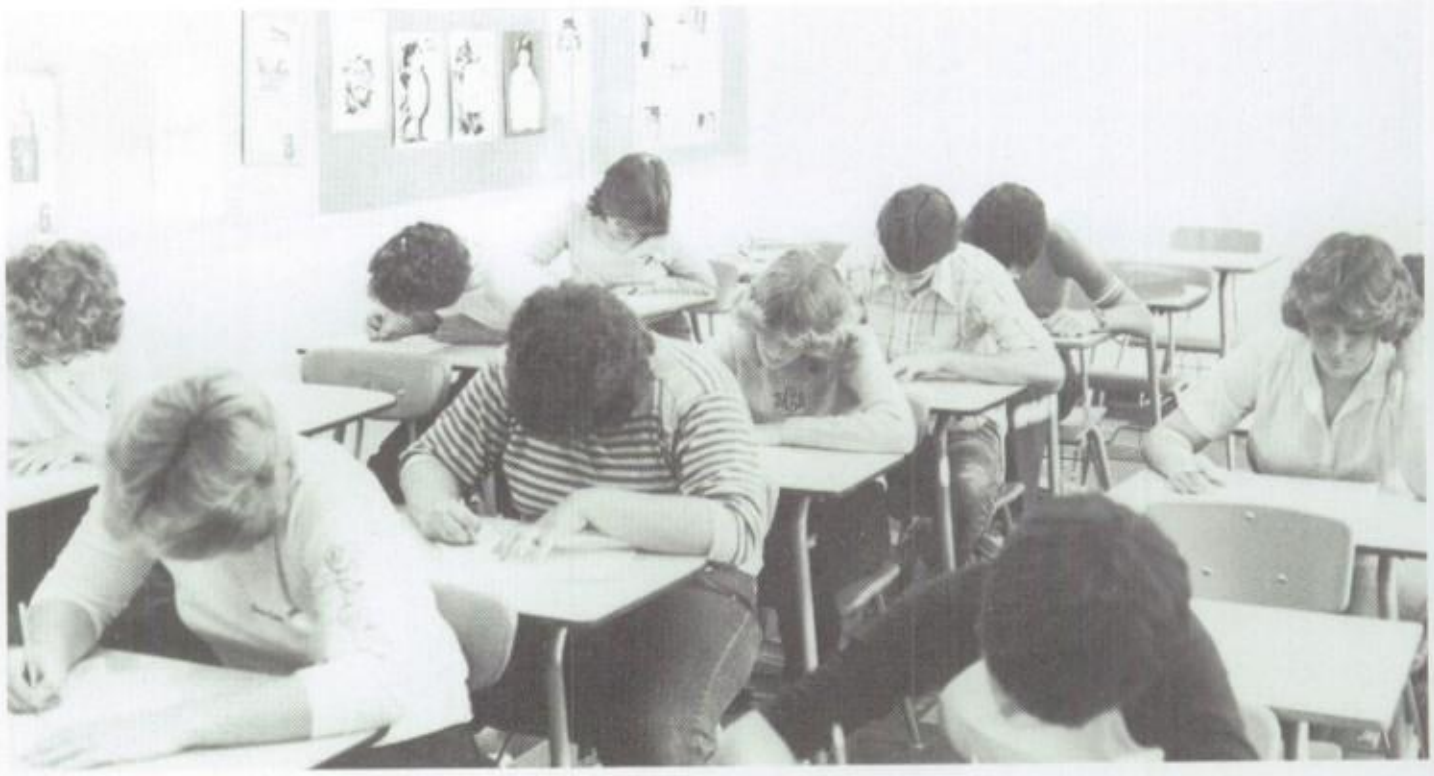

Right: Members of the second period **sophomore English class** work diligently on writing out the answers to a vocabulary test.

James Konsavich
Joseph Kuisick
Richard Lee
Thomas Leturgey
Greg Letzo
Tony Letzo

Lorraine Lytle
Lynn Lytle
Renee Macidyn
Ronald Mandichak
Tina Mandichak
Nanette Martinek

Karen Mastaler
Pete Maul
Roxanne Maul
Sherry Maul
Lisa McCabe
Sharon McCarthy

Lisa McLucas
Tracy McVicker
James Miller
Jeff Miller
Kristene Miller
William Miller

Dana Moyer
Christine Mulhollen
Karen Myher
Bill Nadolsky
Roy Nagle
Gayle Olszewski

Scott Parizack
Nick Pawvluk
Dave Petney
Lisa Petney
Mike Pinos
Carol Pisarski

Sophomores Conduct Selling Project And Show Interests In Activities

Members of the sophomore class became involved in selling projects to raise money for upcoming class projects during their junior and senior years at Portage Area High School. Through their fund raisers, the sophomores got an excellent start toward putting money into their class treasury in anticipation of hosting the 1984 PAHS Prom.

Many sophomores also have become increasingly active in the extra-curricular activities which are available to the students at Portage Area. Sophomores were an important part of all the sports' squads at PAHS. The training and discipline which they received as members of one or more of these teams better prepares them for future years. Also, tenth graders took part in such activities as the band, chorus, the newspaper and yearbook staffs, drama club and the ski club. Their increased involvement in extra-curricular activities has made them a more integral part of school life.

Chris Pisarski
Jeff Plummer
Lisa Ritchey
Thomas Robine
James Rocker
Diane Rorabaugh

Teresa Rudolph
Michelle Rummel
Richard Rylke
Tammy Schaffranek
Rhonda Schmidt
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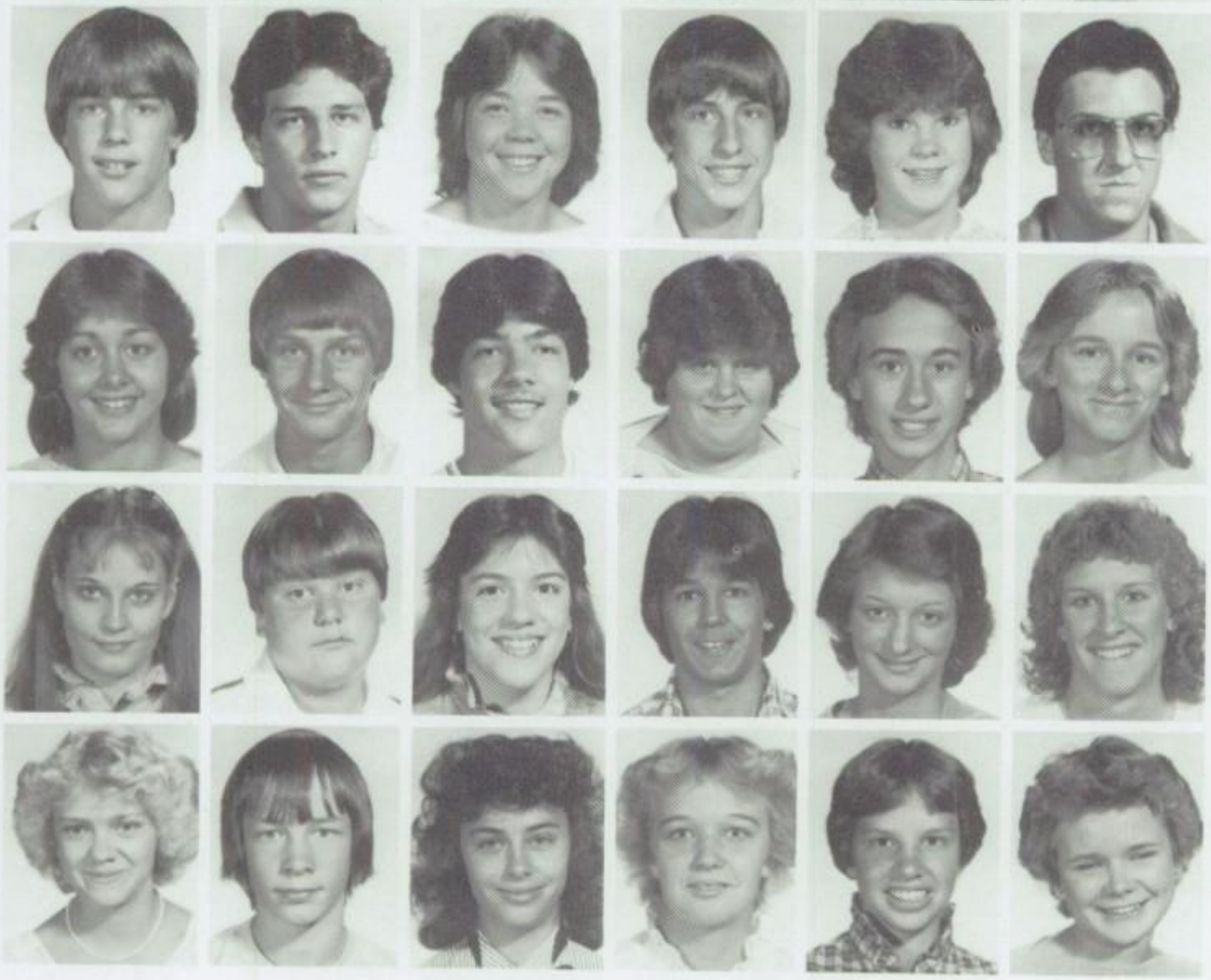

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Jeff Sherbine
Shelly Shoff
John Shuty
Alicia Simala
Ron Smith

Gina Solarczyk
Robert Sossong
Gary Spaid
Kim Stager
Lisa Stager
Sue Stoke

Stephanie Stombaugh
Ivan Thomas
Susan Tigyer
Pat Tully
Jean Vaughn
Reyne Vello

Renee Wilcox
Louis Wills
Kristy Zabrosky
Cathy Zock
Debbie Zock
Karen Zock

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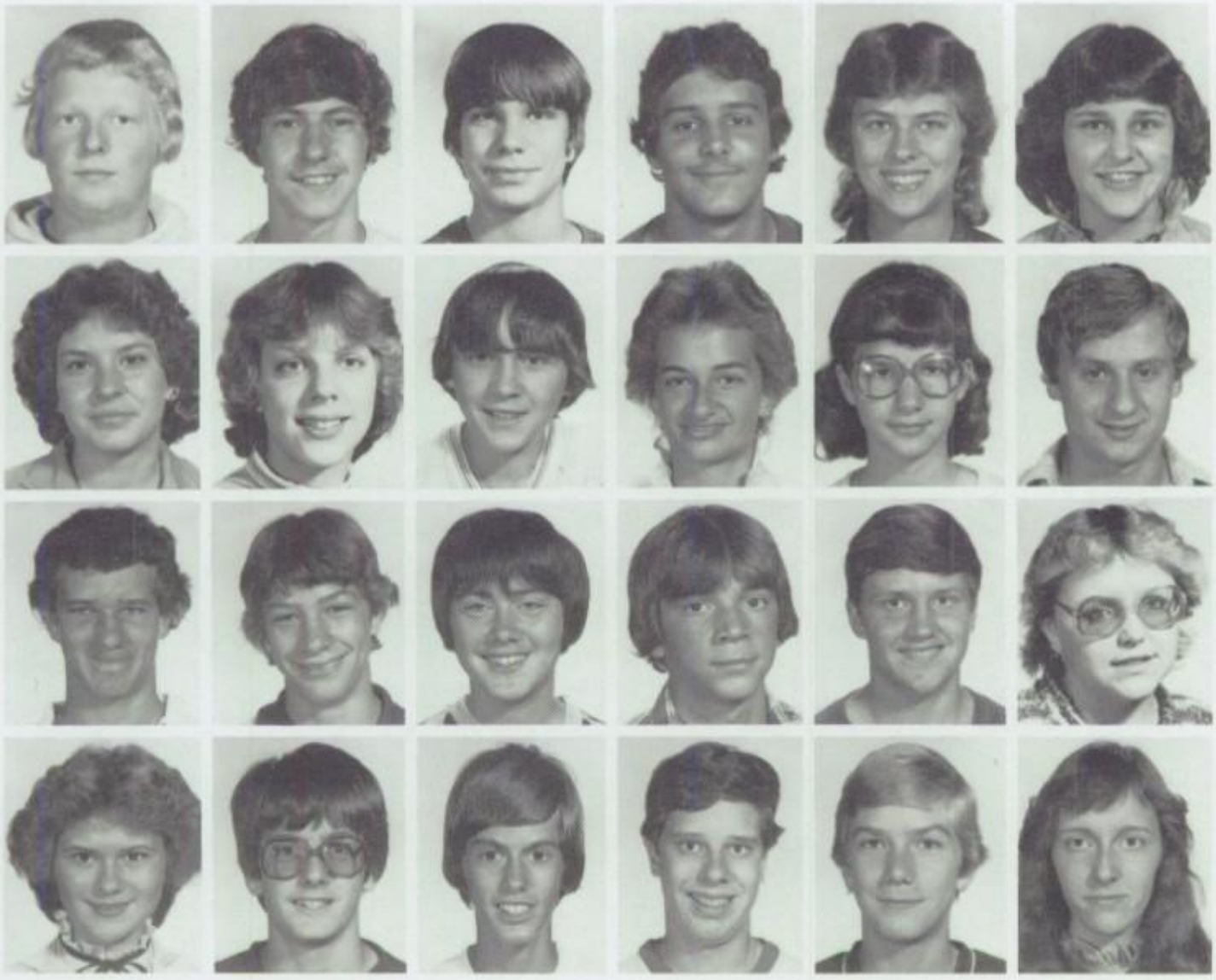
Lori Adams
Rebecca Adams
Pat Aungst
Mike Babish
Brian Baker
Bob Baughman

Shawn Black
Gene Bloom
Chris Borenish
Kim Branas
Gary Burnett
Sandy Bryson

Wendell Burkett
Kim Cadwallader
Kim Canavan
Leslie Cerwensky
Robert Chappell
Lynn Chrisko

Colleen Claar
Lino Covello
Bill Crum
Scott Crynock
John Dehaven
Ellen Dividock

Sherry Elchin
Tammy Farabaugh
Andy Fedorko
Lisa Fedorko
Eric Ference
George Fetsko



William Fetsko
Richard Fisher
Michael Flynn
Ray Foreman
Mary Fox
Kelly Furtkevic

Tessy Fuzie
Denise Galla
Dave Gallo
Lisa Galus
Shari Gaunt
Larry Gentile

Ed Gibson
Douglas Glista
Dale Goughnour
Russell Gouse
Kevin Grecek
Lisa Hagerich

Christine Harriton
Robert Herman
Alan Hoberney
Paul Husar
John Jones
Bernadette Jubara

Above, far left: Students in the **ninth grade** science class take notes as **Mr. Bernazzoli** explains another scientific phenomenon as only he can. **Above: Freshman Class Officers - Left to right:** Gene Krisko-vice-president; Lisa Galus-secretary. Absent from photo: Mike Offman-president; Roger Sossong-treasurer.

Class Of 1986 Subscribes To Full Class Schedule

Members of the Class of 1986 have a rather full schedule which includes both required and elective courses. Those courses in which all ninth graders must enroll include English, Pennsylvania history, civics, health, art, geography, and physical education. In addition, all freshmen must elect one course in math and science. Students may choose from a variety of electives in the math and science curricula.

If the students wish, there are other electives which may be taken if these can be fit into the students' schedules. Among these elective courses are industrial arts, home economics, band and chorus.

Right: While everyone else in this ninth grade health class is busy taking notes, Pat Lengel seems to be in a state of total relaxation.

Robert Jubina
Kathi Kalinoski
David Kawtoski
Andrea Kittell
Kristen Kittell
David Kleman

Annette Koenigsberg
Sue Koshak
Stephanie Koval
Eugene Krisko
Patrick Lengel
Denise Lysinger

Greg Makosky
Brad McCabe
Kim McCabe
Marlin Miller
Becky Murray
Matthew Myers

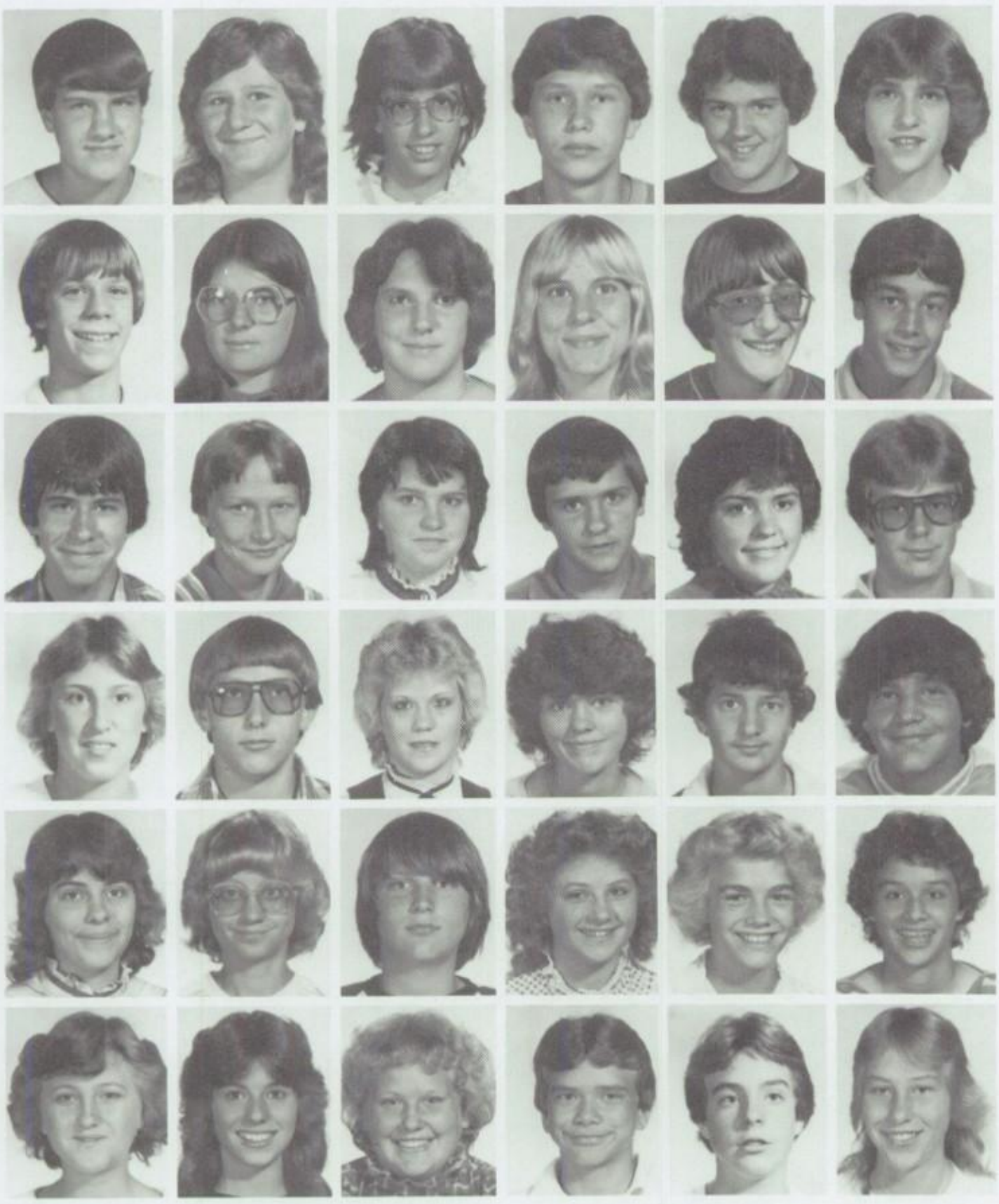
Roy Nagle
Chet Niper
Mike Offman
Tracy Olszewski
Mark O'Shaben
Bob Parks

Brian Pollock
Chris Pollock
Kim Poorman
Tammy Pryce
Dawn Rambeau
Terry Richardson

Freshmen Participate In Extra Activities

The members of the freshman class became more involved in the numerous extra-curricular activities which are available at Portage Area High School. A number of ninth graders participated in football, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, wrestling, volleyball, track, and baseball. Through involvement in one or more of these sports' programs, the participants had the opportunity to learn the value of developing good sportsmanship and self-discipline.

Many freshmen also participated in the band, chorus, ski club, or the drama club. The experiences which these students gained through their membership in one of these organizations was extremely beneficial to them.



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Frances Rusnak
Karen Schaffranek
Joe Scoran
Terry Seaman
Tina Secriskey

Chris Serenko
Amy Smidak
Denys Sinclair
Brenda Singleton
Kelly Smith
John Solarczyk

Dave Sopata
Roger Sossong
Chris Spalla
Donald Sral
Renee Strayer
Ron Swires

Georgette Szuhaj
Andy Teno
Dawn Tomasko
Sissy Treese
Dave Tutsock
Joe Vermeulin

Hope Walters
Chris Weaver
Robert Weyandt
Chris Whitcomb
Sondra Wilcox
Wailani Williams

Cathy Wills
Tracy Wyandt
Mary Yetsko
Robert Yogus
Jeff Yusko
Michele Zimmerman

***No photo available:** Michelle Babish, Cindy Behe, Henry Harrison, Dean Lecrone, Bob Noel, Robin Pauley.

Right: The students from Mrs. Iacurto's class copy down notes which she has written on the board. **Below, far right:** This group of **eighth graders** seems to be settled down and ready for class to begin.

Shelia Adkins
Tammy Bauer
Jean Baker
Bonnie Baughman
Bobby Benjack
Patricia Benko

Brian Benton
Jim Biddle
Missy Black
Todd Bloom
Tom Bowser
Dianne Brown

Susan Burkett
Todd Cadwallader
Nikki Chappell
Scott Chappell
Mark Chobany
Scott Chrisko

Marlin Connelly
Darrell Crum
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Lillian Dibble

Kelly Diehl
John Duke
Scott Edwards
Pat Erzal
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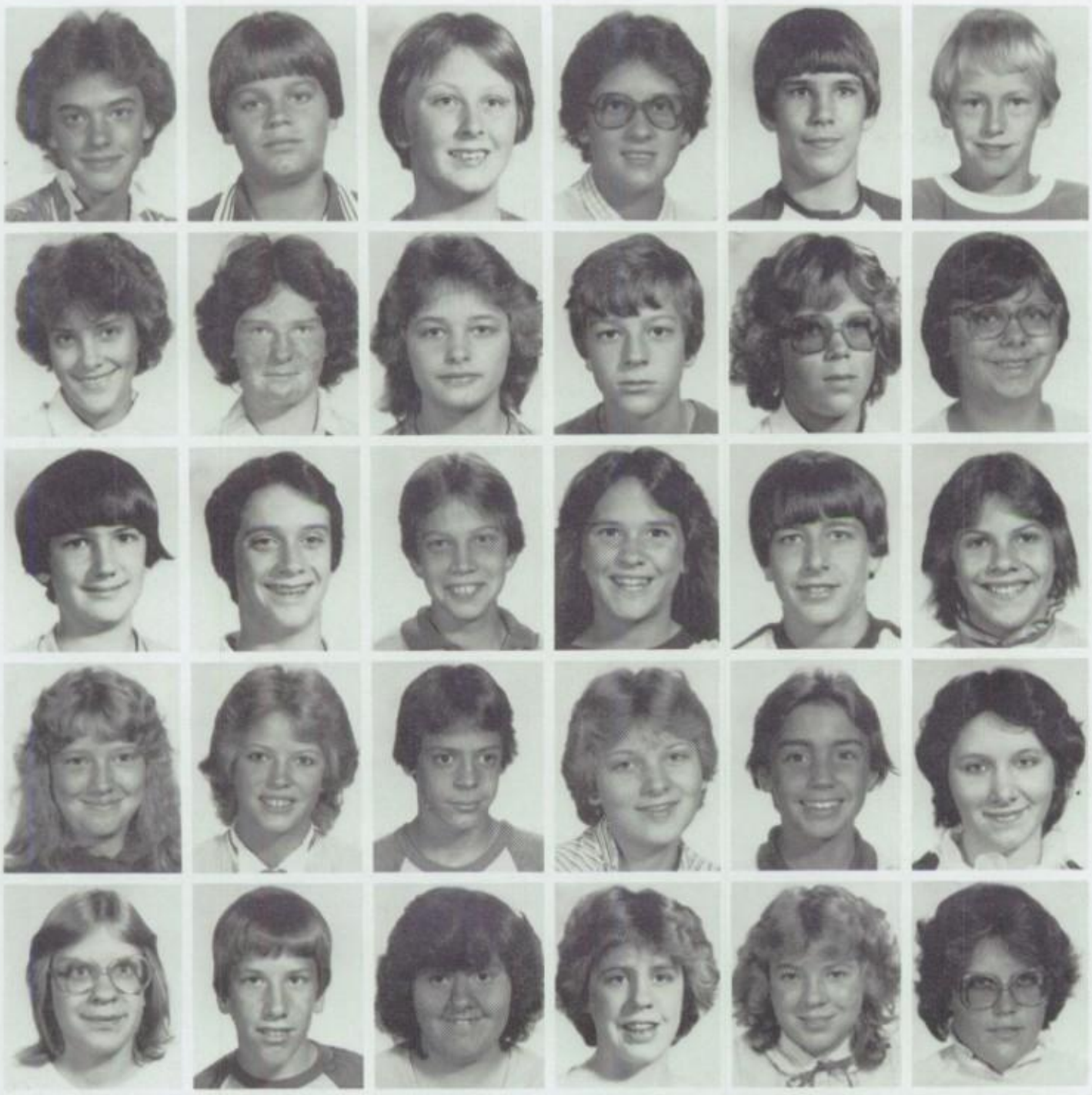

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Charles Fultz
William Gates
Dianne George
Michael Gillin
Tim Hanna

Lisa Harris
JoAnn Harrison
Jodi Heidler
Dave Hershel
Kim Hufford
Marian Husar

Dave Jones
Raymond Kargo
Daniel Kerch
Clare Kick
Christopher Kissell
Lisa Kleman

Esteline Krisko
Kelly Krisko
Pat Kunko
Kathy Lamar
Ron Leckey
Kelly Lecrone

Diane Lee
Ronnie Lego
Rose Lego
Shannon Leturgey
Cathy Lincoln
Christine Lutz

Kevin Lutz
Michael Lysinger
Paul Maul
Trinette Mazur
Larry McCabe
James McConnell

Class Of '87 Becomes Part Of High School Environment

For the members of the Class of 1987, moving into the high school was a source of various adjustments. There were the opening weeks of the school year with the eighth graders, schedules in hand, scurrying to find their rooms and getting aquainted with their new teachers.

Also, there was a new slate of subjects for the eighth graders to take. Being in eighth grade, they soon discovered, meant being more responsible. Now that these students became part of the high school system, they took subjects which are more demanding than some of the courses they had in previous years.

However, the members of the Class of 1987 were quick to make all necessary adjustments and soon blended into high school life at Portage Area.

James Moyer
Connie Mrozek
Bob Nadolsky
Mary Nagle
Andrew Nevarre
Patrice Nezneski

Donna Noel
Kim Nolan
Sharon Onder
Pamela Oravecz
George Osman
Lane Parizack

Tammy Parken
Ann Pawloski
Mark Piatak
Sheri Pinos
Ray Plummer
David Rambeau

Vicki Ramos
Lee Ann Ramus
Theresa Reed
Diane Riggleman
Terry Riskus
Ranaee Roberts

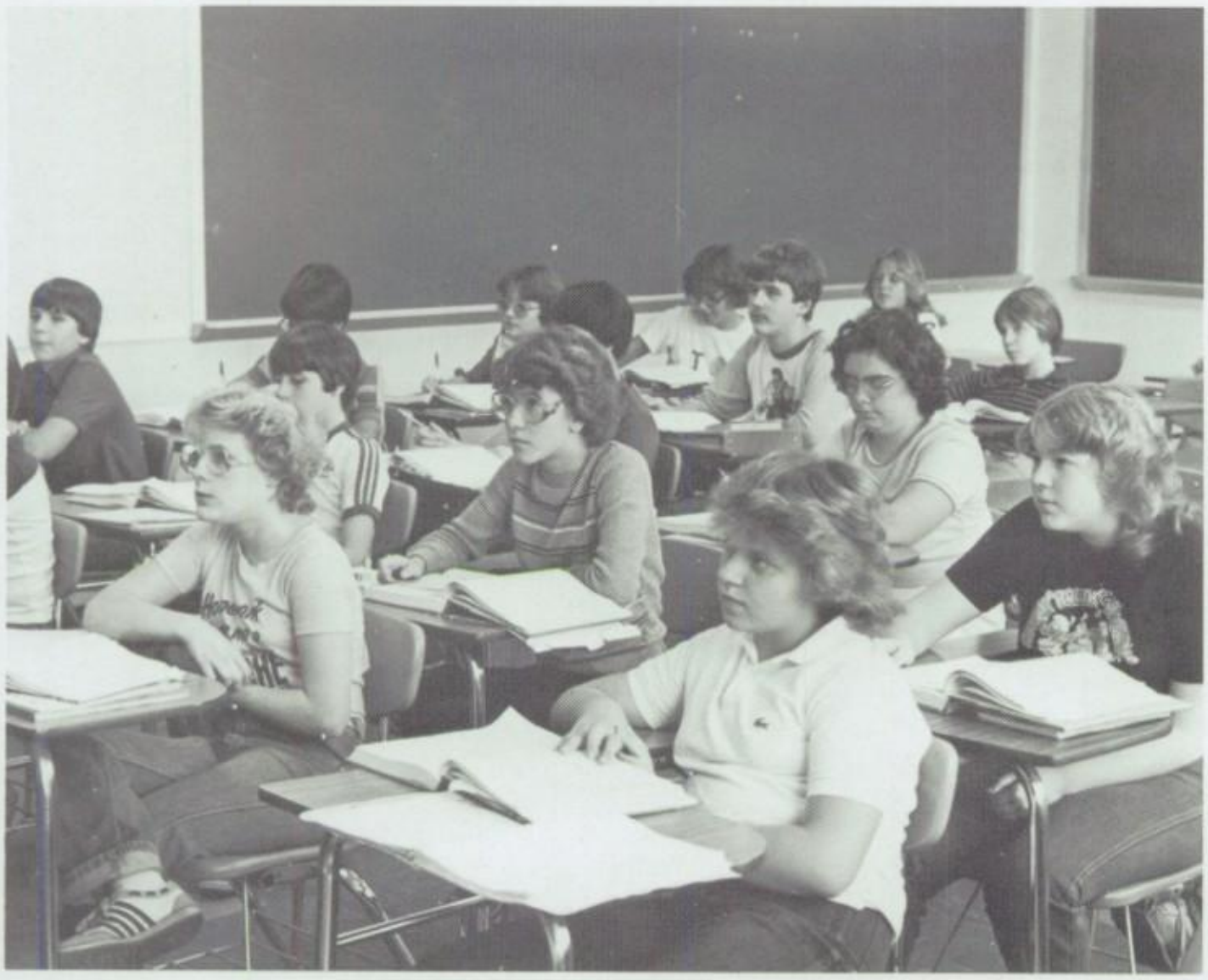
Tim Robine
Carrie Schaffranek
Cathy Scoran
Andy Sekerak
Rich Sendzik
Heather Shaffer

Justine Sheehan
Ron Sheppard
Eric Sherbine
Bobby Slebondnick
Carol Slebondnick
Brad Smith

PAHS Eighth Graders Take Prescribed Courses

The courses which eighth graders take are generally prescribed ones. These required courses include math, science, English, theme writing, American Cultures I, physical education, reading, art, and music. These courses fill the average eighth grader's schedule, and there is little room for any other subjects. However, there are two electives open to grade eight students. These are band and chorus.

If the students take advantage of the classes which they take, these classes will provide an adequate foundation for courses which will be taken in future years.



Left: During an eighth grade Algebra I class, the students listen very attentively to an explanation of a problem. **Bottom, far left: Susie Decort, Lori Thomas, Rose Lego, and Shelia Adkins** take a break from their schoolwork at the end of a study hall period.

Bridget Smith
Joe Smith
Jami Stager
Frank Stohon
Travis Swires

Lori Thomas
Greg Thrower
Marc Trunk
John Vrabel
Christopher Walters

Marie Varner
Kathy Weaver
Linda Wills
Michelle Weyandt
Jean Wilcox

Russell Wilson
Kevin Zimmerman
Sally Shockey
Roberta Zaremba
Frank Zock

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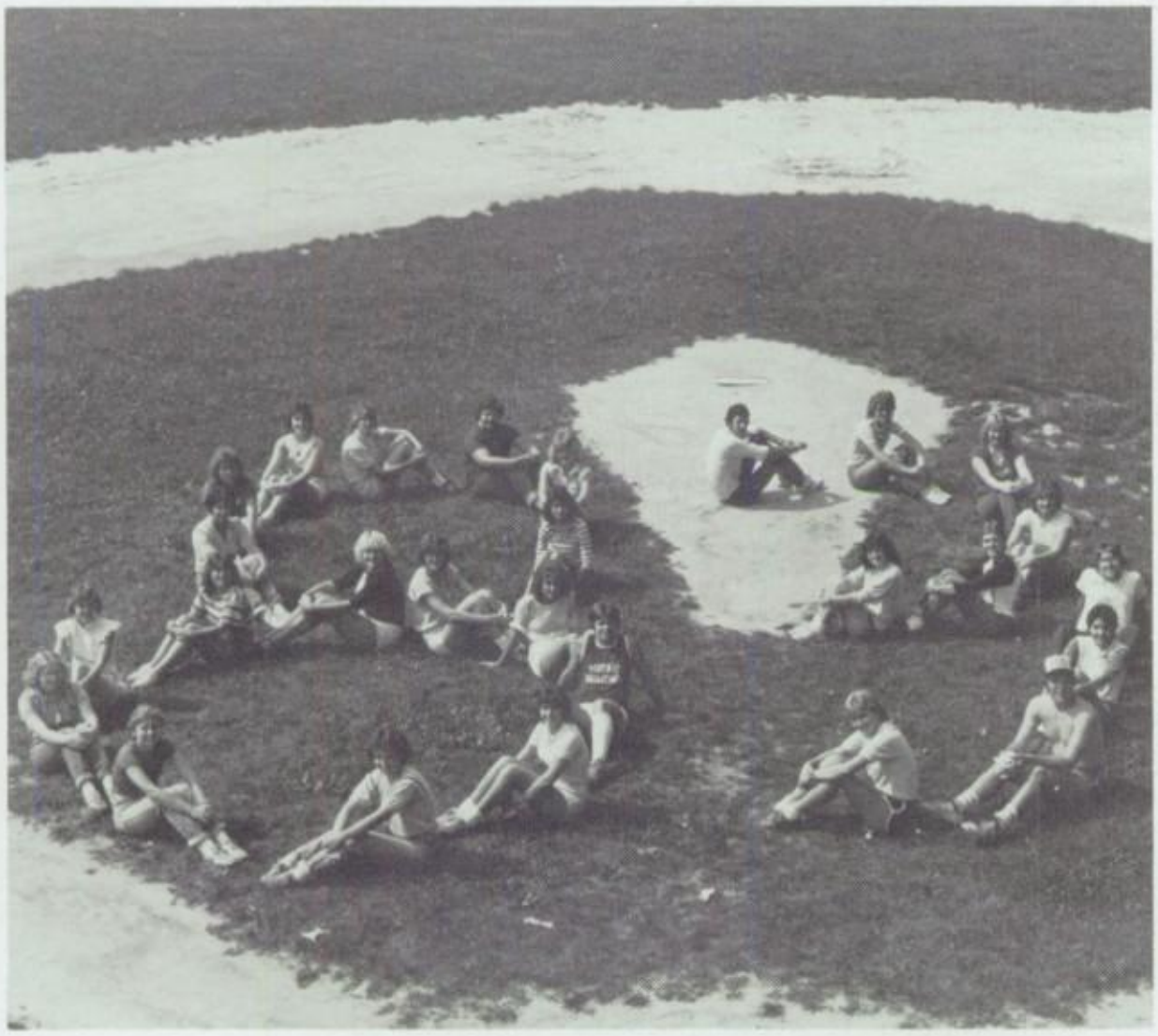
SENIORS

For the members of the Graduating Class of 1983, their senior year at Portage Area High School has been a busy and a memorable one. The year included the usual senior activities including getting senior pictures, being honored on Senior Night, ordering graduation announcements, attending the prom, and awaiting graduation day. During the past twelve years these students have formed some very special and lasting friendships. For some, these friendships will continue beyond graduation. For others, only the memories of their high school friends will remain. Whichever the case may be, these friendships have served as the "bookends" for their high school years.



Far left: Some of the members of the **senior** class pose under the "Senior Sign" on the auditorium stage. **Left:** Some of the members of the **senior class** form a "human 83" to commemorate the year in which they will graduate. **Below left:** "If I can't do needlepoint, I'm not going to let anybody out of this closet!" declares **Tim Price** in his senior home ec class. **Bottom:** Why is it so hard to believe that **Becky O'Shaben** and **Kim Popchak** are not talking about school?

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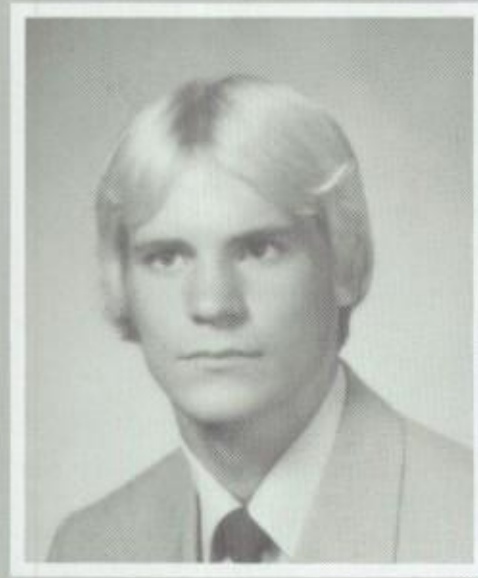
KELLY M. ANDREWS

TOM ANTHONSON

JOSEPH C. BAILEY



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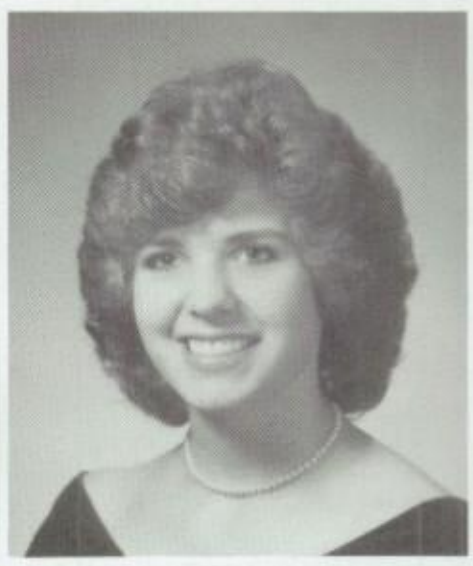
DAWN L. BARRETT

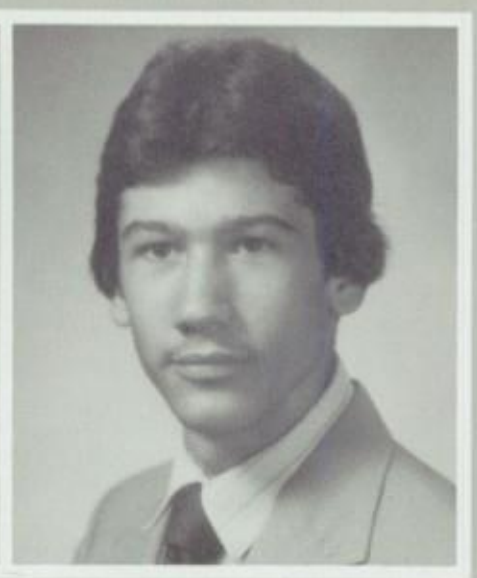


CINDY A. BAUGHMAN

RAY BEHE

1983 SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS AND ADVISERS—Left to right: Paula Vancheri—secretary; Larry Michaels—treasurer; Shari Davis—vice-president; Chuck Makosky—president; Mr. Nyeste—adviser, Mr. Bernazzoli—adviser.

TIMOTHY BENJACK



LANCE H. BENKO

KATHLEEN ANNE BORENISH

CHERYL BROWN

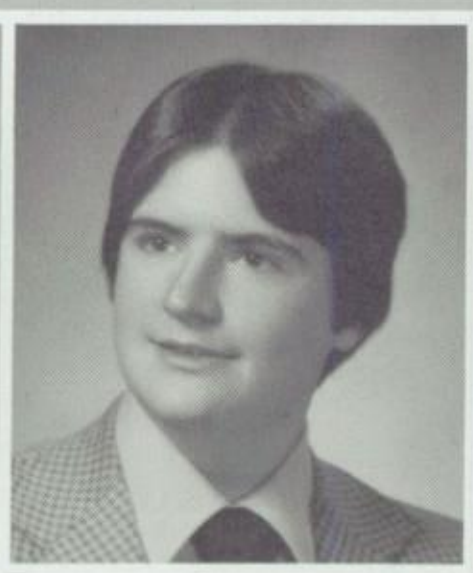
Class Officers & Advisers Guide '83 Graduates Through Final Year

The Class of 1983 was indeed a busy group of people throughout the current school year. But their final year ran a little smoother with the help of the class officers and advisers. The class held a Senior Dance in the fall, and conducted two successful selling projects during the course of the school term.

The class officers and advisers spent a great deal of time setting up class meetings, selecting class announcements, planning the senior trip, and readying the members of the class for graduation exercises in the spring.

The duties of the officers and the advisers were really rather demanding. However, these people did an outstanding job of guiding the class through its final year of Portage Area High School. The members of the class really appreciate all of their hard work.

STACEY CADWALLADER



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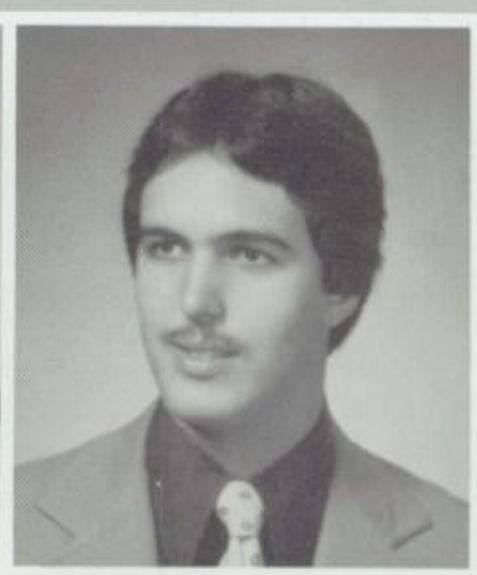
SANDRA L. CAUSER



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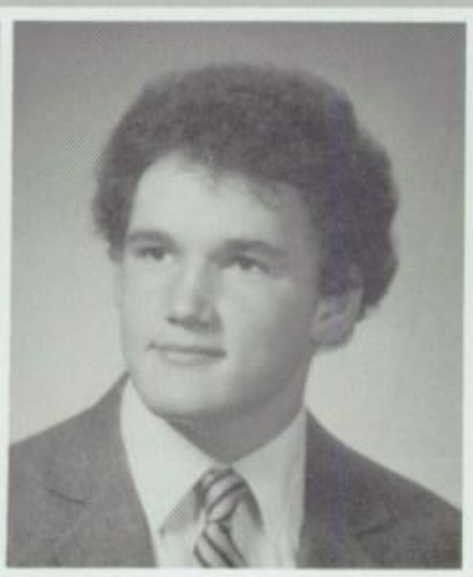
TERRY JEAN CHAPPELL



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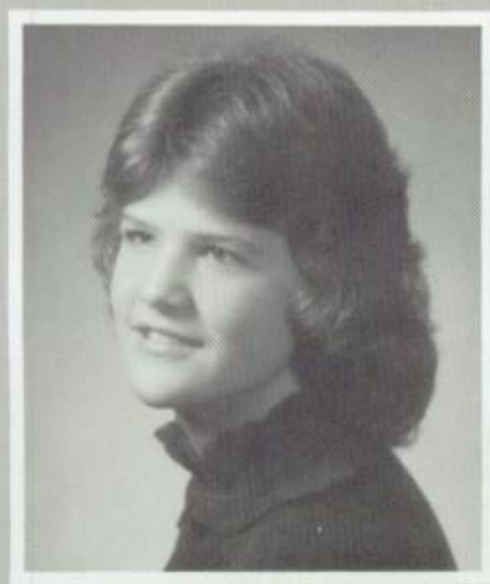
WILLIAM CORRENTE

TERESA A. CYRAN



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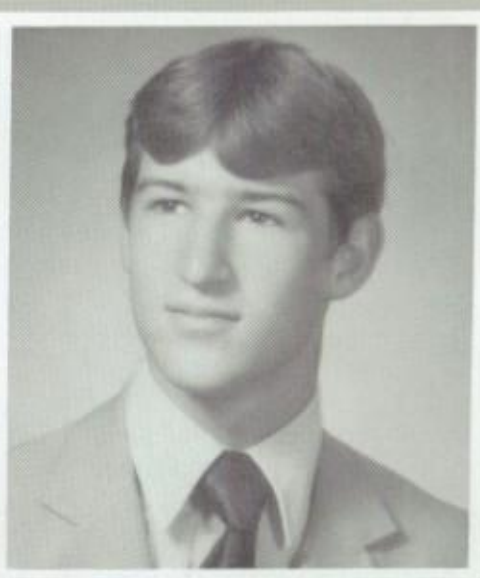
SUSAN LYNN ELLIS



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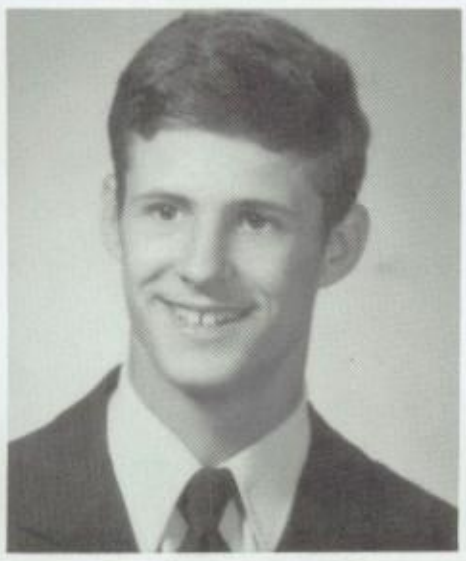
TERESA A. FEATHERS

BRIAN LAURENCE FISHER



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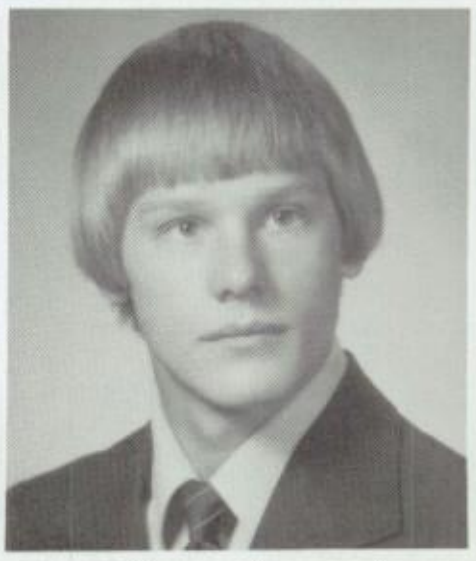

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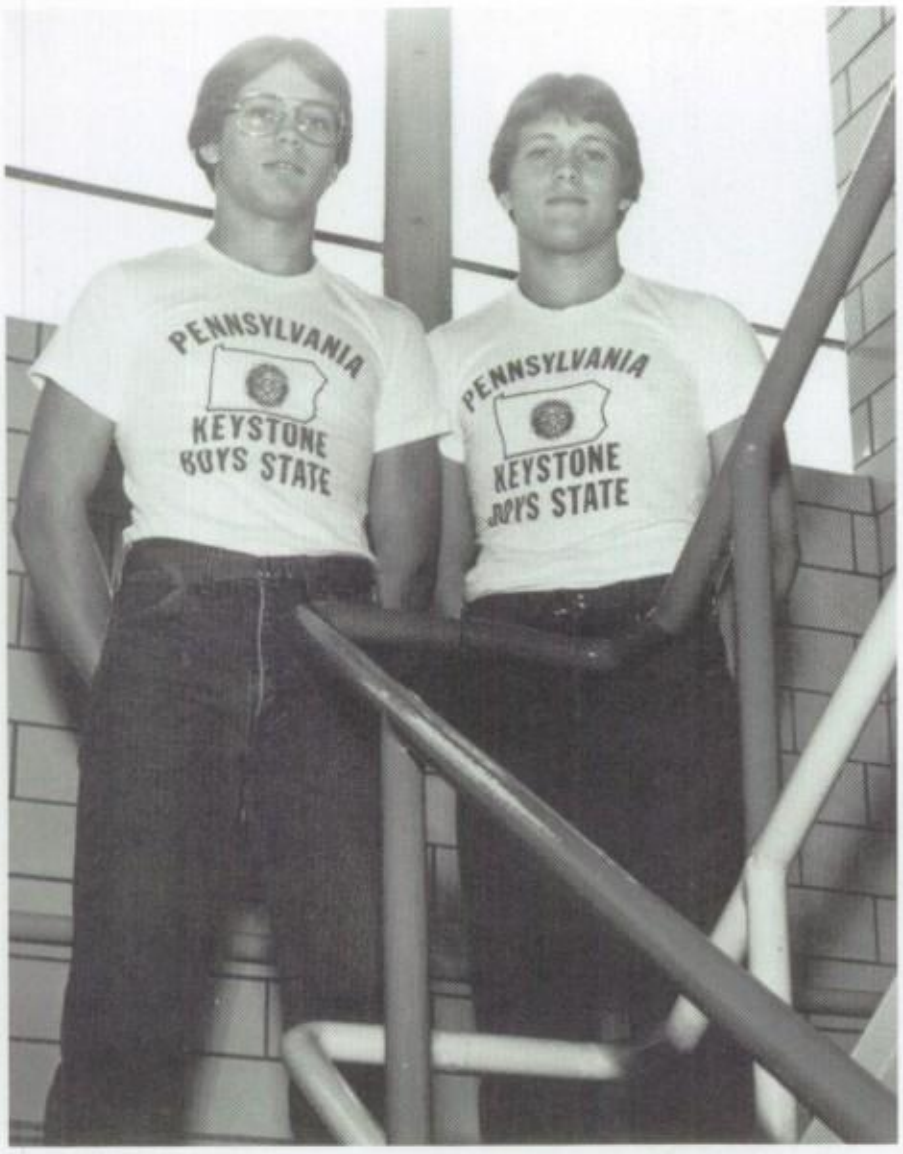
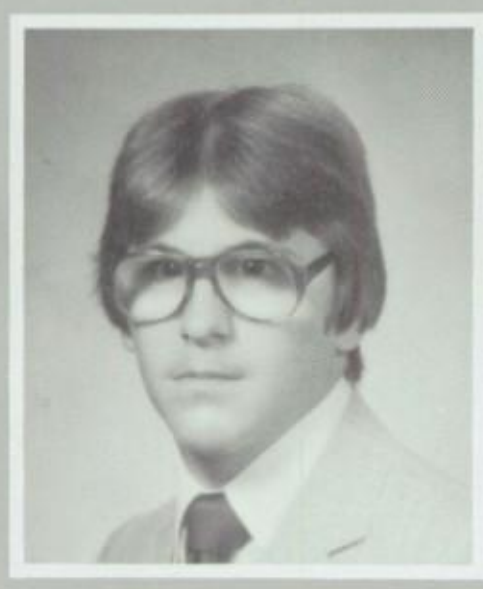
KRIS MARIE FUZIE



Left: Jim and **Larry Michaels** represented Portage Post 430 of the American Legion at the Keystone Boys' State Camp last summer. **Above: Sondi Wilson** was awarded two prizes for her artistic talents. **Top, far right: Maria George** was Portage's entry in the Cambria-Somerset Junior Miss Pageant.

KAREN ANNE GALLA

PATRICIA M. GALLAHER



JIM GARIS

BRENDA M. GEORGE

MARIA A. GEORGE

MARK GIBSON

MELISSA A. GILLIN

NINA R. GIRARD

Seniors Receive Recognition For Honors

Four Portage High School seniors have received recognition for individual achievements. Larry and Jim Michaels were selected by American Legion Post 430 to be that organization's representatives at Keystone Boys' State Camp, which was held at Millervsille State College. During this one week camp, Jim and Larry learned a great deal about the operation of government on the local, state, and national levels.

Maria George represented Portage High School in the 1982 Cambria-Somerset Junior Miss Pageant. She competed for the title with other finalists from Cambria and Somerset Counties in the areas of talent, poise and appearance, and scholarship. She made a good showing and found the experience to be very rewarding.

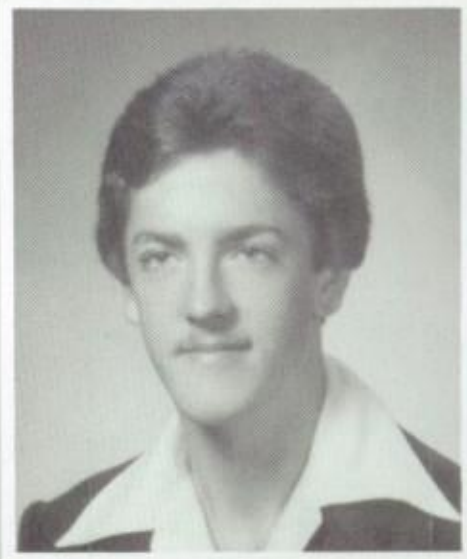
Sondi Wilson was awarded prizes for her artistic talents in two separate art contests. She designed a logo for the Cambria County Arts' Festival, and she drew a flag for the Twin Rocks Garden Club Flag Contest. She received first place honors in both of these contests.

Seniors Experience Both Joy And Sadness As They Are Honored On Senior Day

Senior classes like to make themselves known to all of the underclassmen. It is indeed an honor to be a senior in high school, and the seniors at PAHS are truly proud of the fact that they are the Graduates of 1983. On Senior Day, November 5, there was no doubt in anyone's mind who the seniors were. Many of the seniors ordered a yellow rose corsage trimmed with gold and royal blue ribbons, which are the class flower and class colors.

As the day progressed, some of the more creative seniors practiced "face painting" to let everyone who saw them know that they were part of the Class of 1983. At the pep rally that day, the entire Senior Class was called on stage and honored as part of the Senior Class.

During the half-time festivities of the football game on November 5, all senior members of the band, the football team, and the cheerleading squad were recognized.



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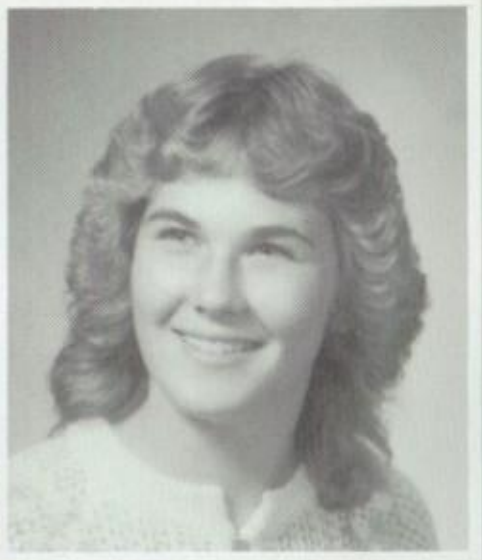

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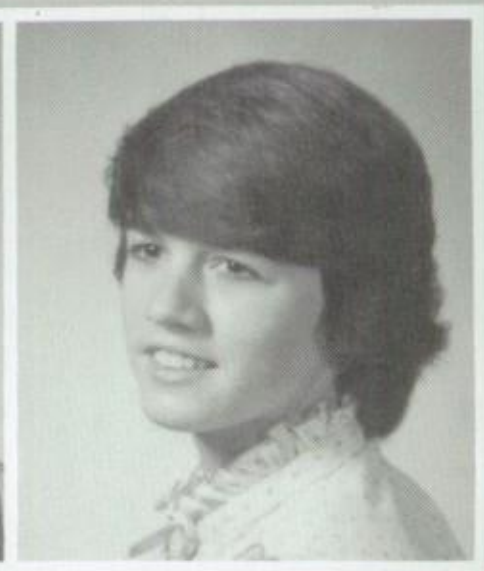

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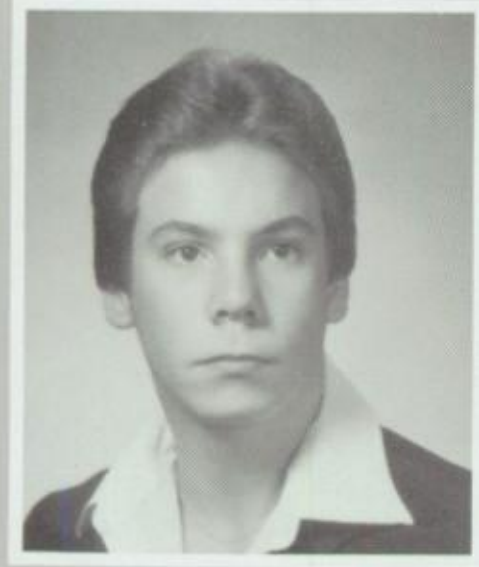
WENDI L. HAZLETT

Below, far right: Seniors show mixed emotions as they stand before the student body as they are honored at the last pep rally. **Right: Dawn Barrett** looks very thoughtful as her corsage is pinned on her on Senior Day. **Below: Bill Corrente,** who underwent a "face painting" session on Senior Day, sports a football and number 12, the number he wore as a member of the PAHS Varsity Football Team.



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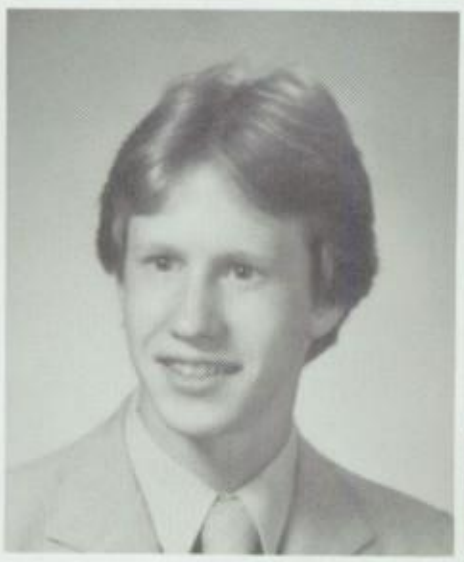

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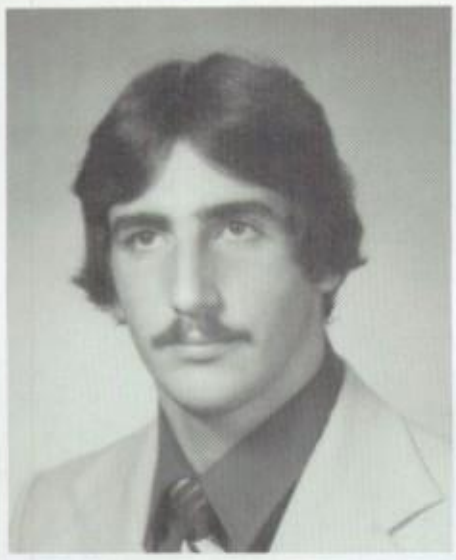

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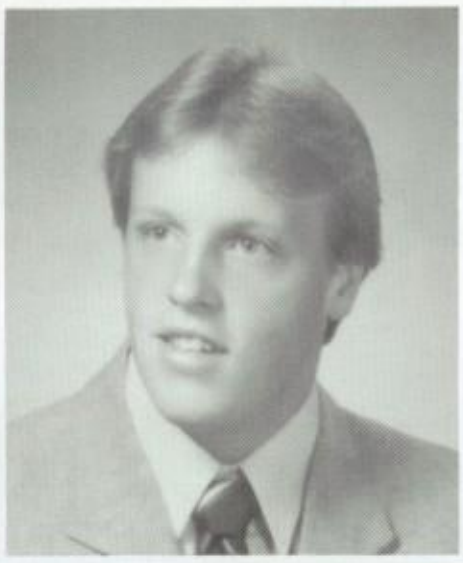

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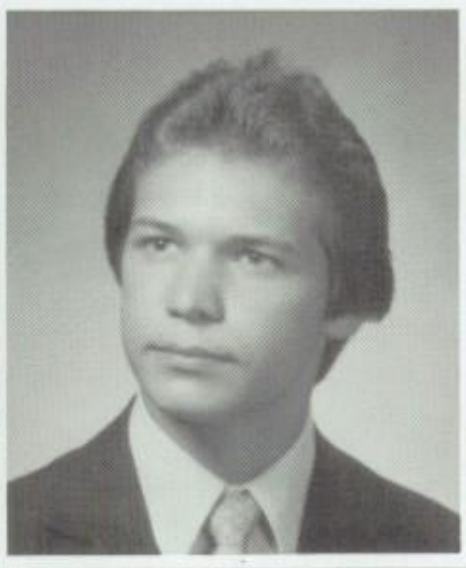

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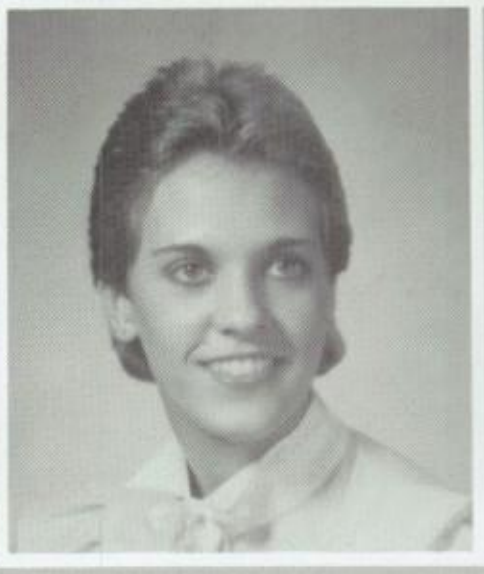


KIMBERLEY ANN KOBAN

BERNADETTE KOSTAN

Senior Ingenuity Abounds On PAHS' Annual Toga Day

On October 13, 1982, the annual "Greek Festival" was held at Portage Area High School. This spirited event is held in conjunction with the first major English IV test, which is on a survey of Greek literature.

Throughout the day many participating Seniors were seen hurrying around adjusting their "togas" and studying their notes for the test. Students who wore togas received seven bonus points for their efforts.

Many modern Greeks created original variations of the ancient style togas. Some students, however, had a harder time keeping up their togas than they did passing Mr. Vrabel's test!

Above: Debbie Rorabaugh looks as though she does not know whether to laugh or cry as she and **Annette Gossard** prepare to hand in their challenging Greek literature tests.

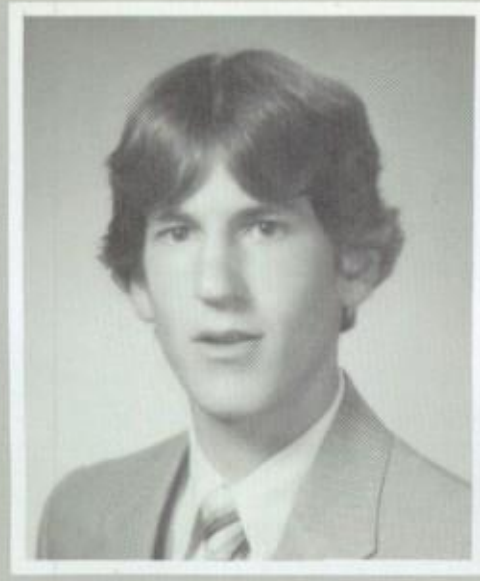
PETER L. KOZA

JOAN M. KRINJECK

MARY J. KUCHERA

BRIAN C. KUNKO

Top: "It's over!" **Matt Kleman, Jack Shaw, and Mike Helsel** relaxed with the "drink of Dionysus" after they completed their Greek literature test. Did Dionysus really drink grape flavored Kool-Aid? **Above: Paul Chobany,** adorned in true Greek style, reads over his test before he begins to fill in the answers.



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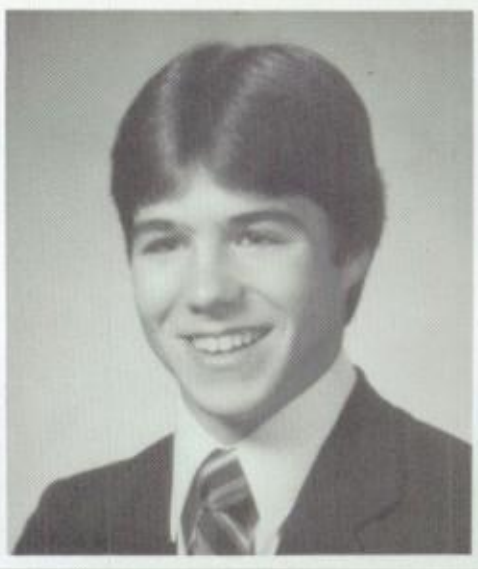


KEVIN R. LAZOR

RAYMOND J. LEE

WANDA LEE LEGO

JOHN LETURGEY

JUDI A. LETZO

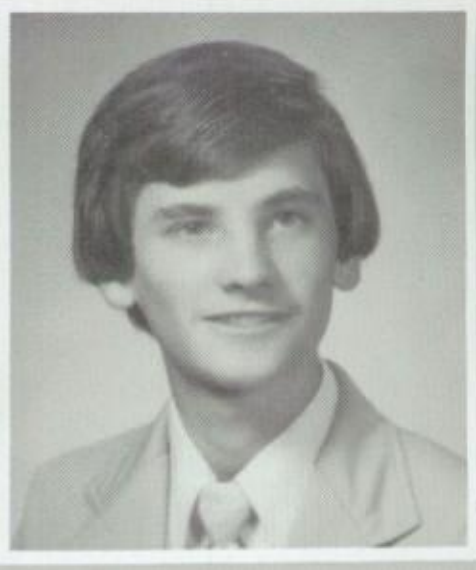
SHERRY (BAUGHN) LITZINGER

Twins Provide Source Of Double Trouble

The Graduating Class of 1983 at Portage Area High School is privileged to have among their classmates two sets of twins, or as some people feel "**double** double trouble." The twins, Annette and Karen Gossard and Jim and Larry Michaels, do not intentionally try to cause confusion, but to those people who really do not know them well, they are quite difficult to tell apart.

All four participate in various school activities and supply the opposing teams with a temporary case of "double vision." Annette and Karen are captain and co-captain of the varsity cheerleading squad, respectively. Jim and Larry are both members of the varsity football and basketball teams.

SUZANNE LUTZ



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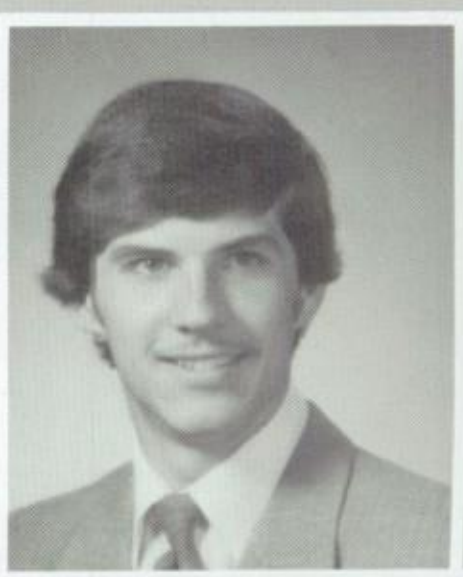


CHARLES MAKOSKY

DIANE MAE MALONEY

Left: Karen and **Annette Gossard** and **Jim** and **Larry Michaels** pose opposite their respective twin.

THOMAS J. MALOSKEY

LISA MARIE MARKOVICH

KELLY J. McCABE

PAMELA L. McCABE

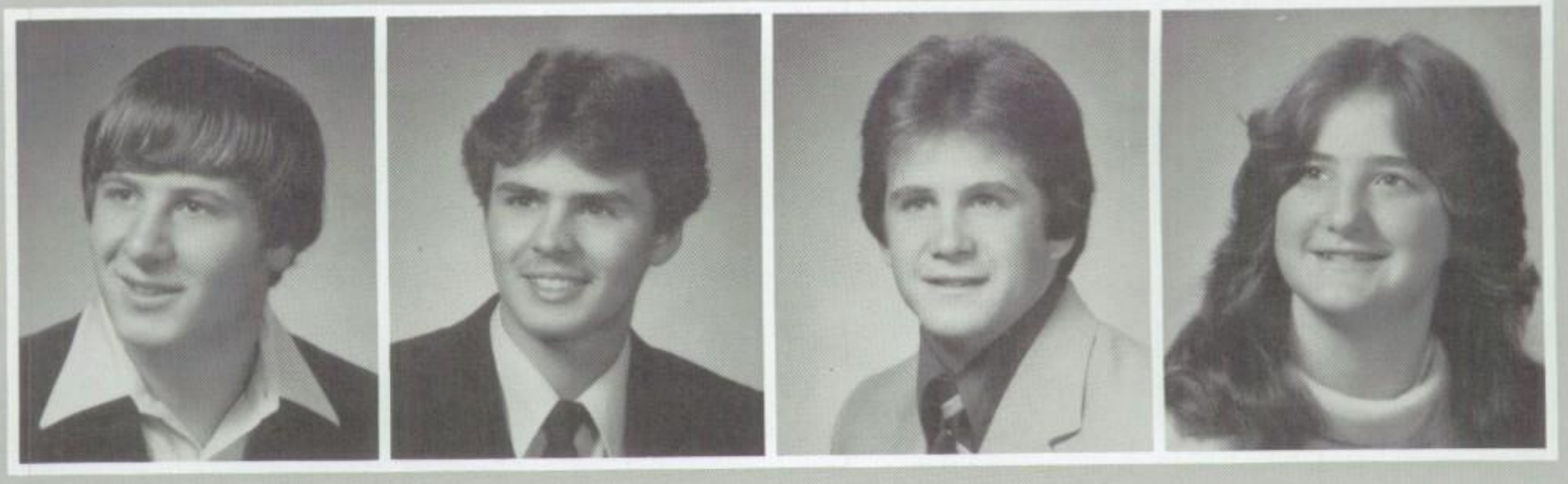
BOB McCARTY

SHAWN C. McDONALD

JAMES J. MICHAELS

LAWRENCE J. MICHAELS

Below: The crazy things that seniors do during their last formal year of high school helps to make the whole year extra special. Who will be able to forget **Tim Price** as he announced the players at a girls' basketball game? Wearing his "boppers," Tim "stole the show." **Right: Bill Moyer,** with suit jacket in hand, prepares to be photographed for senior portraits.



DARREN MOORE | TERRY MOYER | WILLIAM P. MOYER | BARBARA J. MYERS

JOHN A. MYHER | GEORGE NAGLE | MELISSA E. NEILSON | JAMES NELSON

WILLIAM R. NOEL

BRUCE W. ONDER

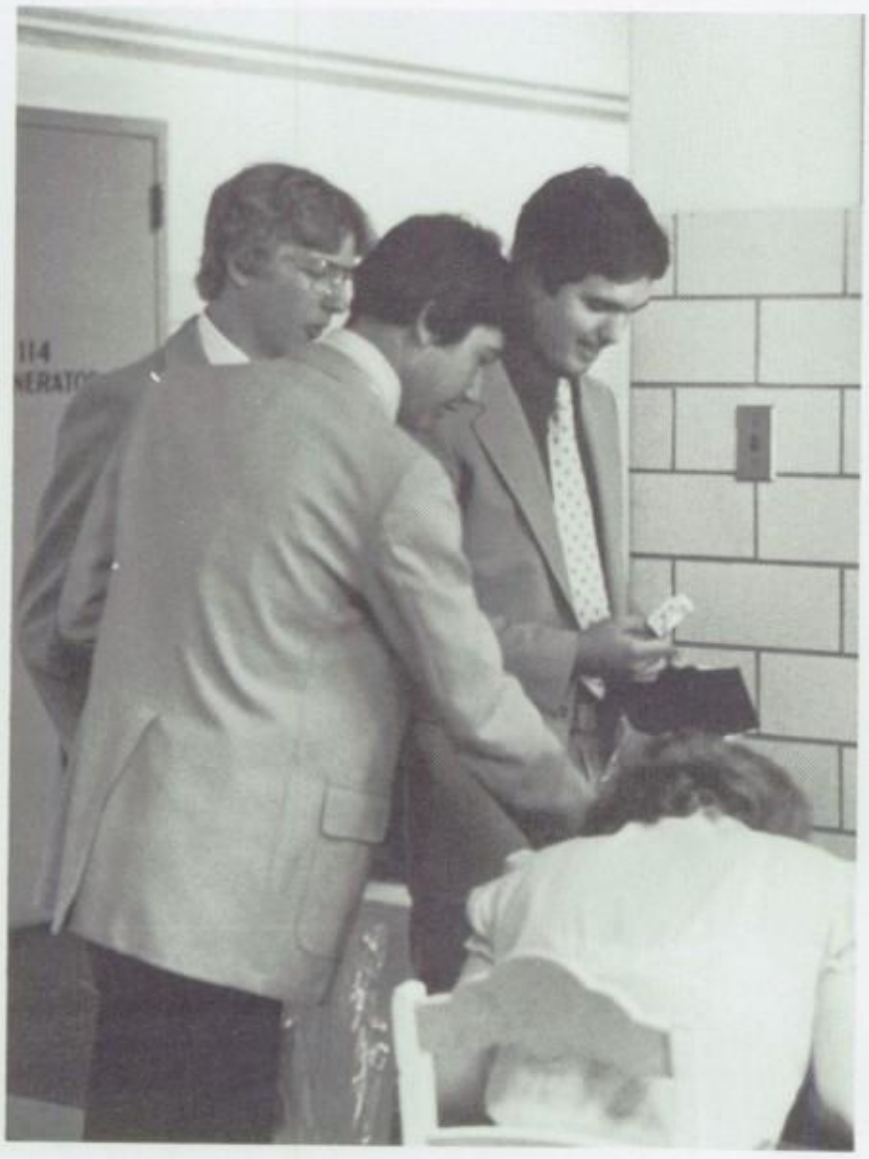
REBECCA ANN O'SHABEN

TINA PALLONE

Senior Year Filled With Pleasant Memories

What makes a senior year so special? Perhaps it is special because each senior knows that it is his or her last year at Portage Area High School. There are so many special memories during that time: Attending the last pep rally, being a central part of the festivities on Senior Night, having the prestige of being called a senior, getting senior pictures taken, picking out a picture proof, getting the finished pictures back and passing out these pictures to all one's friends, getting measured for caps and gowns, remembering the sports and the dances, passing around the yearbook to get it signed, remembering the prom, and counting down the days until graduation.

Then the most important time to remember is that long walk on the stage to receive a diploma and the celebrations afterward and saying a special goodbye to all the members of the Class of 1983.



Left: Seniors **Lance Benko, Tim Benjack,** and **Dave Chappell,** looking most handsome, anxiously await their turn for senior portraits. **Above:** Since **Alan Scarton, Bruce Onder, Brian Fisher,** and **Bob McCarty** became seniors, they finally got a chance to "let their hair down."

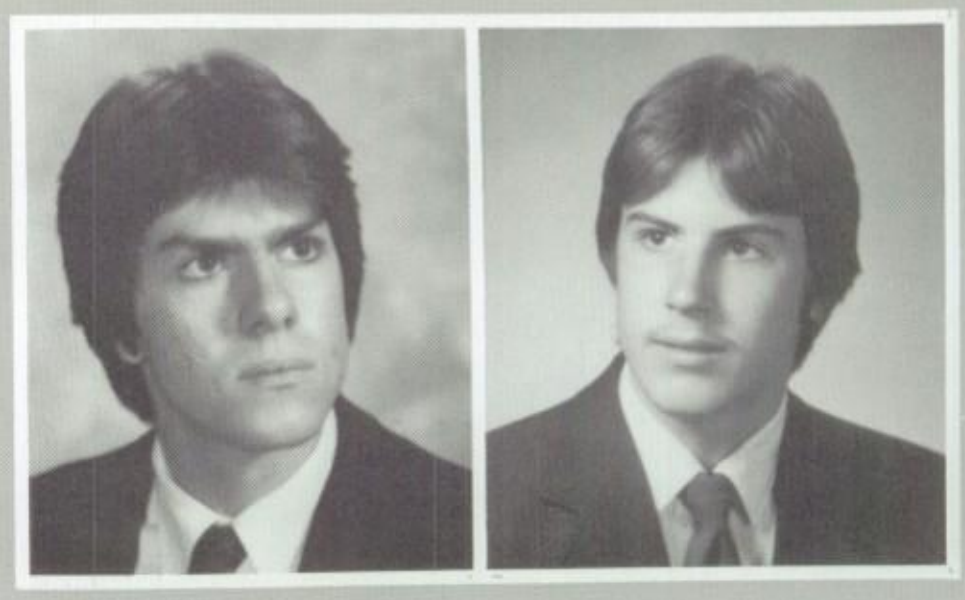
PAHS Employees Proud Of Their Graduating Children In Class Of '83

For any parent with a student graduating from high school, it is a proud moment. There are nine parents who are employees of Portage Area School District with sons or daughters who are members of the Class of 1983.

For Sondi Wilson's parents, her graduation is a double pleasure. Mr. Wilson is the school district's business manager, and Mrs. Wilson, who retired in November, served for many years as a secretary in the school district.

Mr. Koza, assistant high school principal, and Mr. Benko, a teacher in the science department, both received much gratification with the graduation of their respective sons. Mrs. Girard, a reading aide, proudly awaited her daughter Nina's graduation; Tammy Varner's graduation gave a great deal of satisfaction to her mother, who is an elementary aide.

Dave Chappell and Phil Zdunczyk, whose mothers are cooks in the elementary school, eagerly awaited graduation. Mr. Chobany, who was employed as the varsity boys' basketball coach, was proud to see his son Paul graduate.

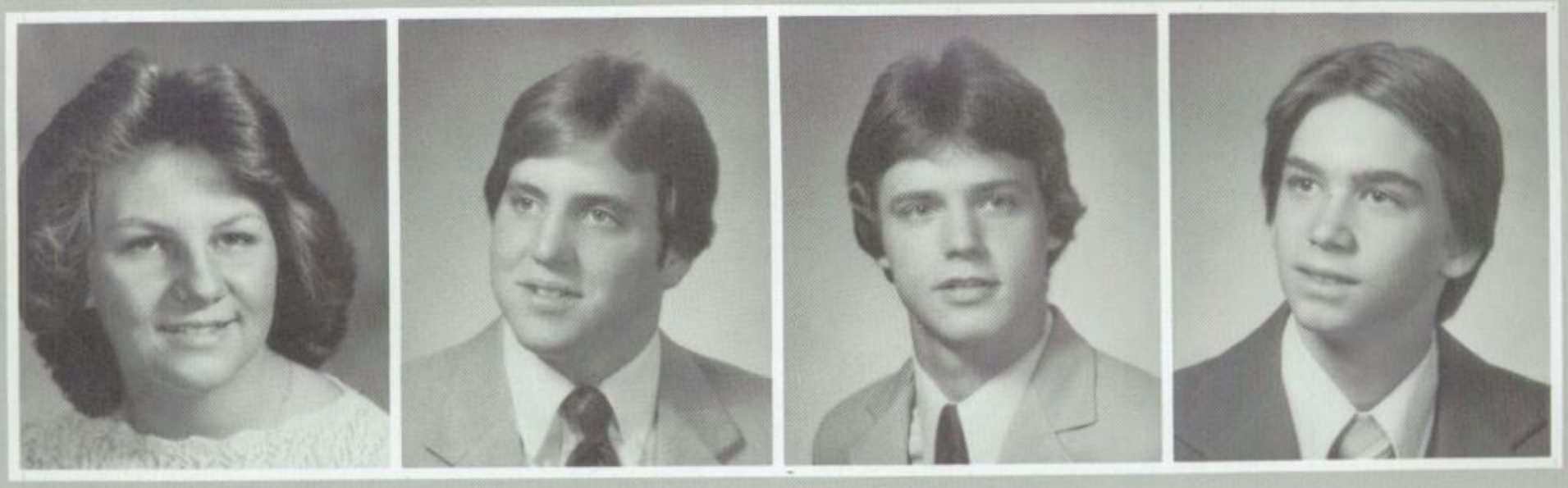


RYAN PAULEY

STEVEN E. PETNEY

TOM PLUMMER

MARK POORMAN



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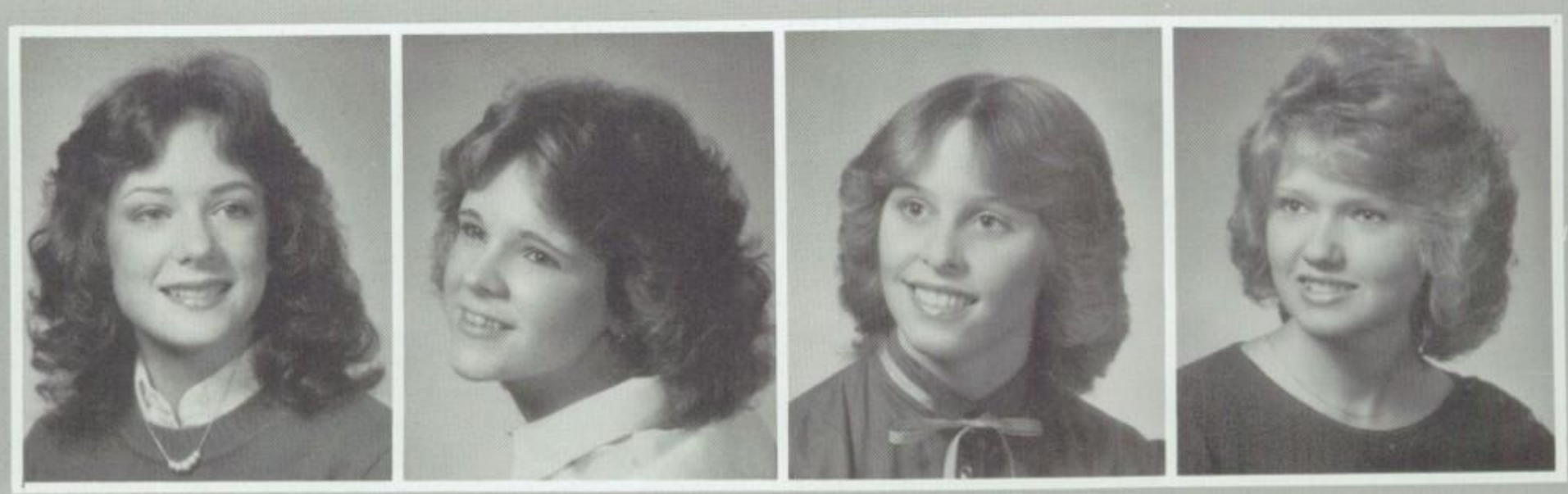
TIMOTHY ROBERT PRICE

BRIAN RICHARDSON

MICHAEL RINGLER, JR.



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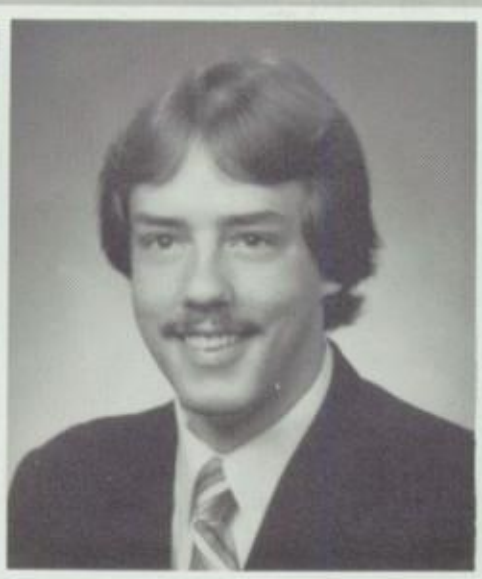


MARK SANFORD

RHONDA L. SAULSBURY

ALAN JOSEPH SCARTON

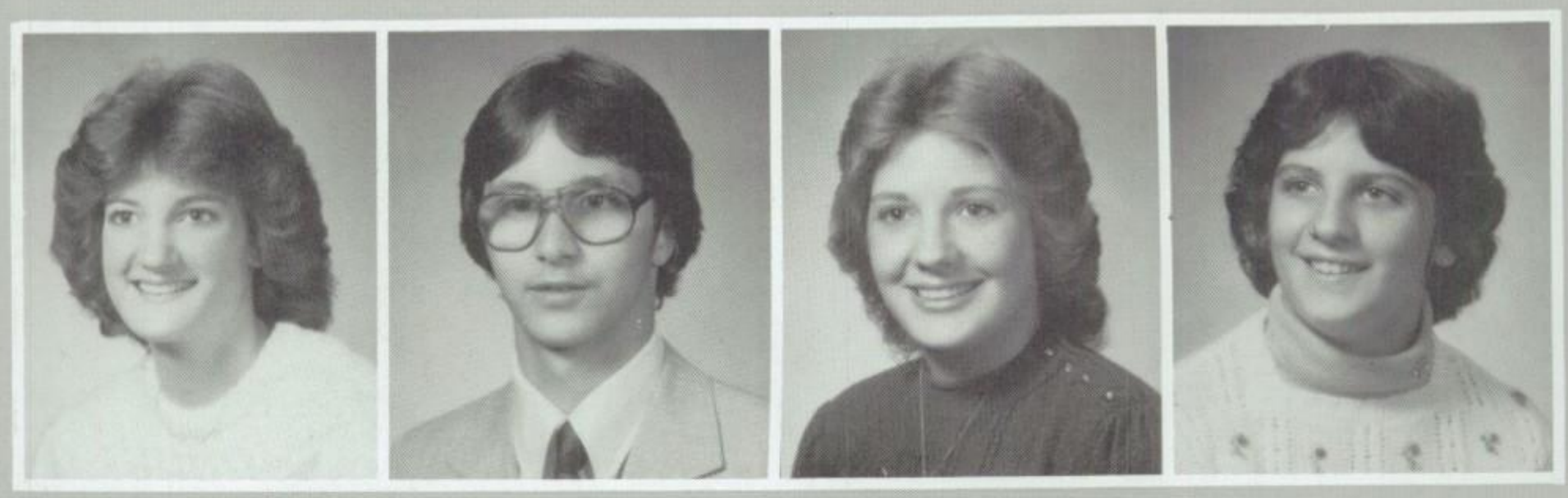
1983 PAHS graduates proudly pose with their parents, all of whom are employees of the school district. **Left to right, row 1:** Dave Chappell, Phil Zdunczyk, Sondi Wilson, Pete Koza, Nina Girard, Tammy Varner, Lance Benko, and Paul Chobany. **Row 2:** Pat Chappell, Mary Zdunczyk, Thomas Wilson, Jean Ann Wilson, John Koza, Ethel Girard, Sophie Varner, J. Cameron Benko, and George Chobany.

CHARLES SERENKO

JACK J. SHAW

DANIEL L. SHUTY

SHELDON SINCLAIR



KAREN SPAID

MIKE STOREY

CAROL TENO

KATHY A. THOMAS

What Is A Senior? A Senior Is . . .

A senior is everything . . . marching down the auditorium aisle on graduation night . . . being measured for caps and gowns, being honored on Senior Night . . . being free at last . . . being photographed . . . ordering senior pictures . . . getting senior pictures . . . ordering graduation announcements . . . attending the last pep rally . . . reading the senior issue of the **Hilltop** . . . preparing for the future . . . going on the senior class trip . . . attending the Senior Dance . . . going to the Senior Prom . . . saying good-bye to everybody . . . closing the books for good . . . getting the yearbook . . . exchanging senior pictures . . . picking the class song, motto, colors, and flower . . .

Being a senior is the greatest!!

ROBIN THOMAS

PAULA MARIE VANCHERI

TAMMY MARIE VARNER

CATHY M. WALTERS

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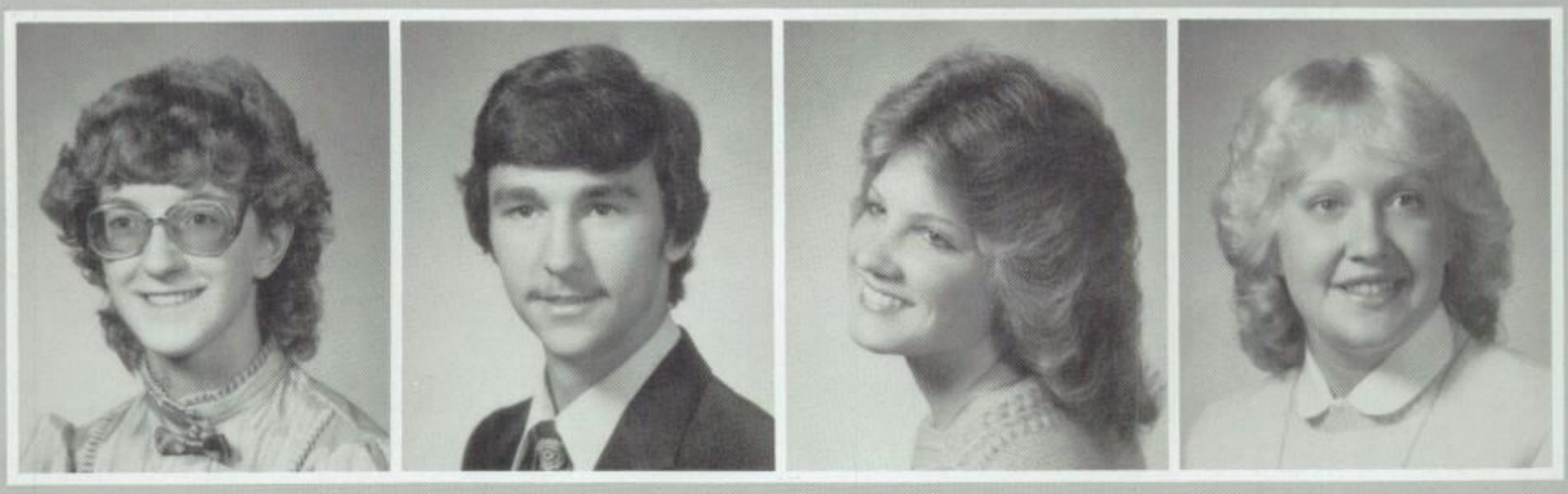
Class of 83

KATHLEEN J. WEYANDT

BOB WILLIAMS



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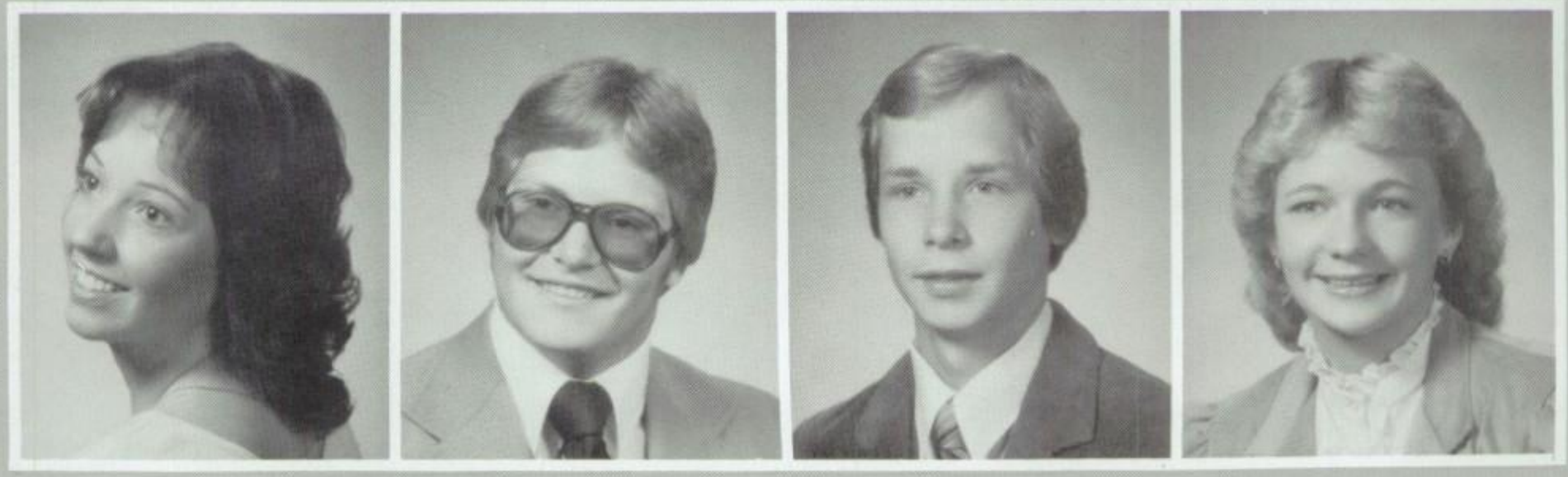
RODNEY WISEN

DENISE F. WRIGHT

KAREN M. YETSKO



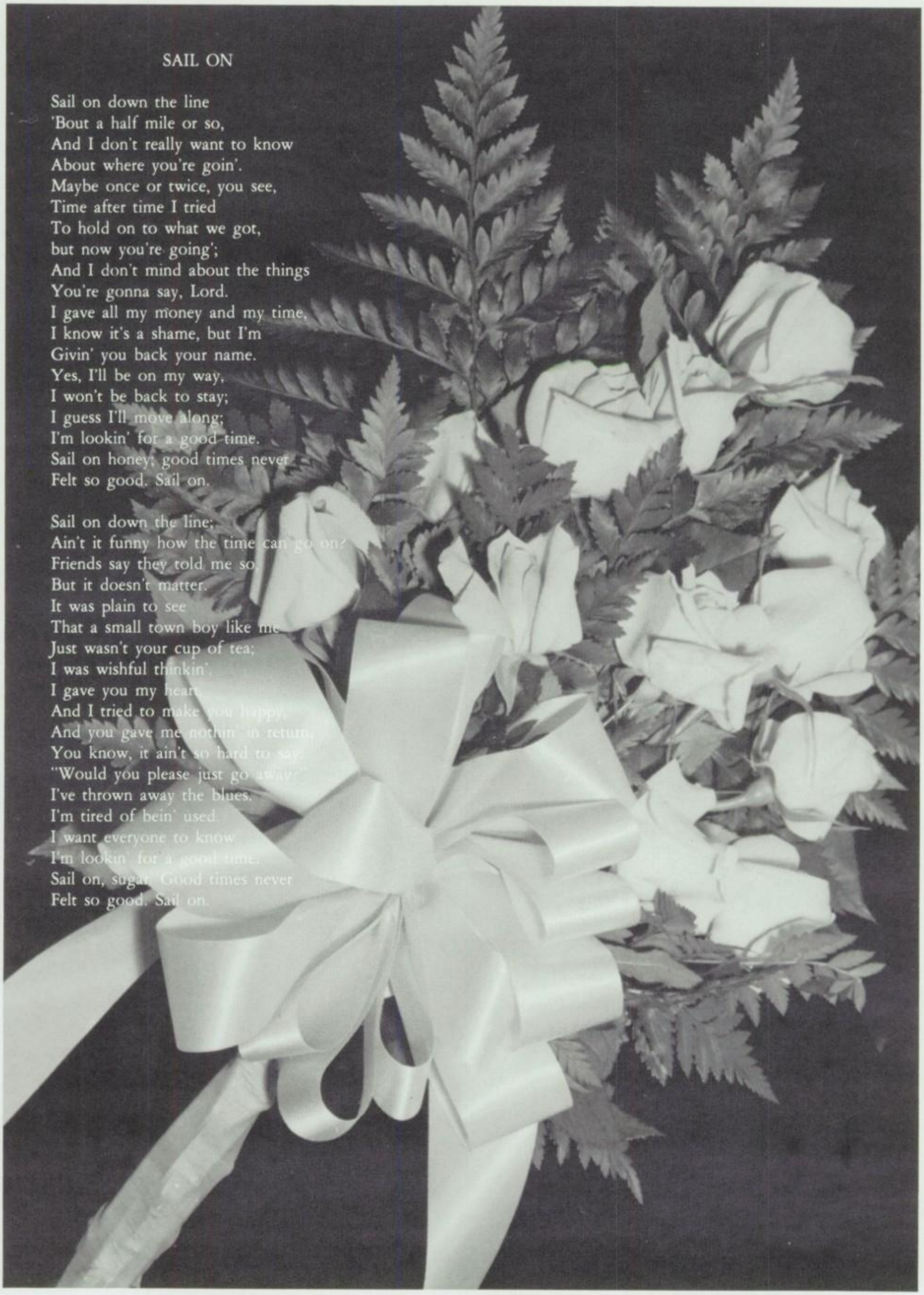
FRANCINE E. ZAMAN

PHILLIP S. ZDUNCZYK, JR.

GREG ZIMMERMAN

ANN M. ZOCK

Class Colors - Royal Blue And Gold
Class Flower - Yellow Rose
Class Song - "Sail On"
Class Motto - "Remember The Past;
Look To The Future;
Live For Today."



SAIL ON

Sail on down the line
'Bout a half mile or so,
And I don't really want to know
About where you're goin'.
Maybe once or twice, you see,
Time after time I tried
To hold on to what we got,
but now you're going';
And I don't mind about the things
You're gonna say, Lord.
I gave all my money and my time,
I know it's a shame, but I'm
Givin' you back your name.
Yes, I'll be on my way,
I won't be back to stay;
I guess I'll move along;
I'm lookin' for a good time.
Sail on honey; good times never
Felt so good. Sail on.

Sail on down the line;
Ain't it funny how the time can go on?
Friends say they told me so,
But it doesn't matter.
It was plain to see
That a small town boy like me
Just wasn't your cup of tea;
I was wishful thinkin'.
I gave you my heart
And I tried to make you happy.
And you gave me nothin' in return.
You know, it ain't so hard to say,
"Would you please just go away?"
I've thrown away the blues.
I'm tired of bein' used.
I want everyone to know
I'm lookin' for a good time.
Sail on, sugar. Good times never
Felt so good. Sail on.

SPORTS

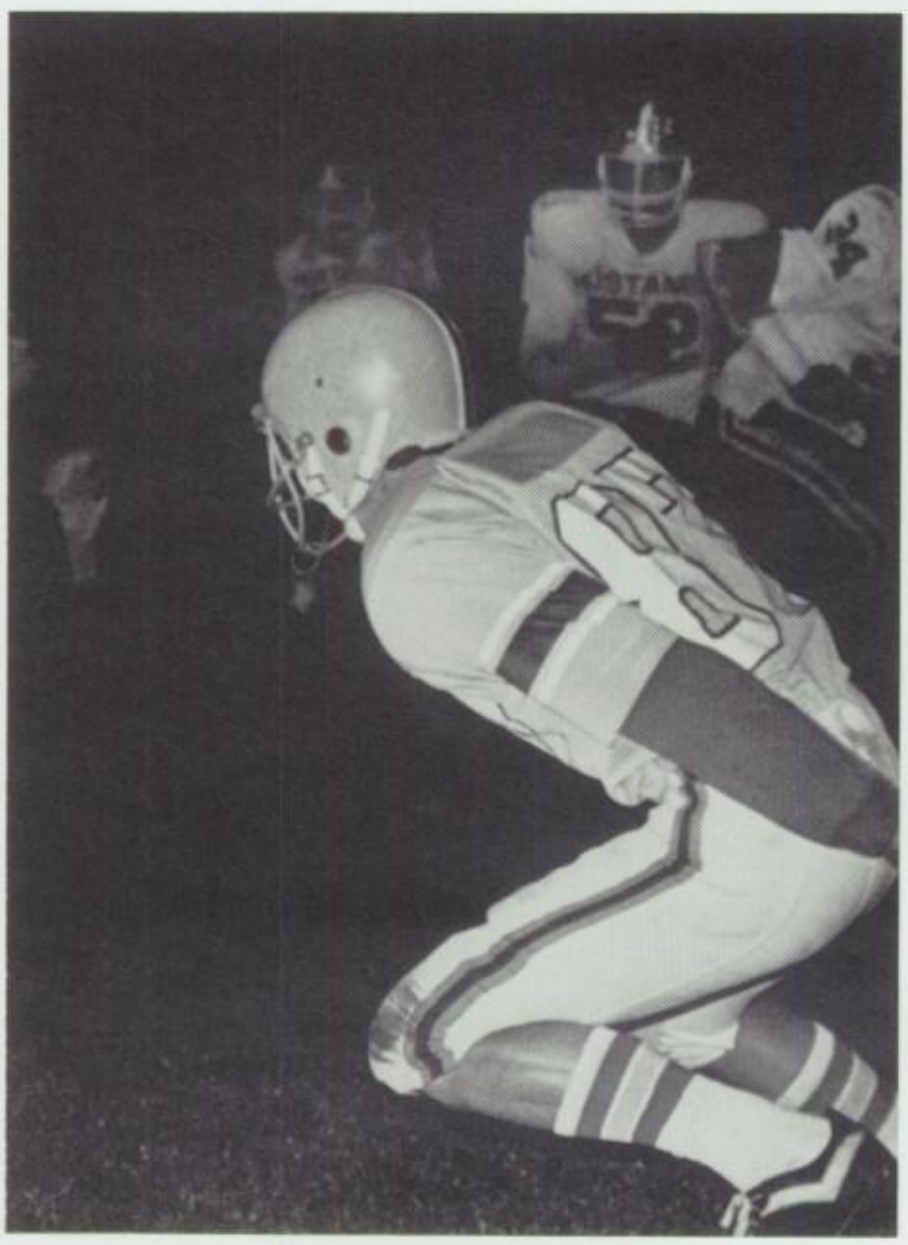
When students decide to participate in school sports, they learn many things. They learn the difference between winning and losing; they learn how to work as a team; they learn how to be a good sportsman. They also go through tiresome practices. Going through practices means learning basic skills of a game. But they all agree that the friendships made among teammates are everlasting. All PAHS athletes experience each of these learning situations. Everything they learn as a sports' participant helps to make their education more complete. The friendships formed among these athletes are exceptionally special.

Far left: Karen Spaid attempts a shot during a game at home against the Red Devils of Central Cambria. **Left: Neil Glista** makes a good catch and is hit immediately by an opposing player, but he hangs onto the football. **Bottom left: The Portage cheerleaders** support their team even if it means cheering during a drenching rain. **Below:** The scoreboard shows the score at a Mustang basketball game with the Mustangs showing a promising lead of 14 points.

Varsity Football Team Shows Determination

The varsity football team ended the 1982 season with a record of four wins and six losses. However, this record is not a true reflection of the team's efforts and determination throughout the season. According to Coach McCabe, the team's efforts this season were outstanding. The boys had strength and mental toughness, according to the coach. Coach McCabe remarked that his players were "great individuals at their positions and they had to play under great pressure." One thing is certain; these boys put forth their best efforts. Their drive and determination all during the season were admirable.

VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM—Left to right, row 1: Danny George, Kevin Lazor, Ralph Scoran, Ron Davis, Jeff Plummer, Mark Chappell, Jim Rocker, Chet Hochrein. **Row 2:** Marshall Nagle, Jeff Sherbine, Mike Koenigsberg, Walter Fox, Jimmy Michaels, Larry Michaels, Jeff Kissell, Matt Kleman, Doug Redfern, Doug Pauley, Rick Shaffer. **Row 3:** Charles McCabe—head coach, Larry Baker, Charlie Plummer, Tim Fuzie, Ryan Clista, Bob Kodosky, Joe Krisko, Tony Stager, John Borlie, Mike Solarczyk, Paul Chobany, Mark Poorman, Gary Gouse—assistant coach. **Row 4:** Gary Spaid, Rich Vermeulin, Neil Glista, Chris Gaunt, Jim Fryzlewsicz, Bill Nadolsky, Don Gouse, Dave Petney, Tom Maloskey, Phil Zdunczyk, Tim Price, Frank Jubara. Absent from photo: Rich Rylke, Ray Lee, Bill Corrente.



Above far left: Matt Kleman leaps into the air to complete a successful reception. **Top: Walter Fox** goes for some extra yards after a reception. **Left: Paul Chobany** tries to avoid a tackler. **Above:** Members of the varsity football squad watch the action from the sidelines.

Top: Tom Maloskey attempts to make a successful pass reception at the Portage-Bishop Carroll game. **Top middle: Bill Corrente** drops back to scan the field for a receiver for the football. **Above: Mr. Michael Harrison,** Chairman of the Portage School Board's Athletic Committee, presents retiring trainer **Pete Haschak** with a plaque from the school board in recognition of his years of service to PAHS' sports as **Mrs. Haschak** looks on. **Right:** Holding the jacket given to him by the football team, **Mr. Haschak,** and his wife, **Geneieve,** walk back to their seats in the stadium following the ceremonies to honor Mr. Haschak.

Pete Haschak Retires As Trainer For Portage Sports' Programs

For many years, Mr. Pete Haschak as been associated with the athletic program at Portage Area High School. He has devoted many hours of tireless effort in his job as trainer for the numerous athletic teams. Over the years, he has received much personal satisfaction from working with the young people of Portage.

This year, however, Mr. Haschak decided to retire from his job as trainer. In recognition of his years of service to the Portage sports' program, Mr. Michael Harrison, chairperson of the Portage Area School Board's Athletic Committee, presented him with a plaque to honor him for his years of service to the school. The 1982 varsity football team gave him a jacket to show their appreciation of his efforts.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM—Left to right, row 1: Jeff Sherbine, Ralph Scoran, Ron Davis, Jeff Plummer, Mark Chappell, Chet Hochrein, Doug Redfern. **Row 2:** Jim Rocker, Charlie Plummer, Mike Koenigsberg, Jeff Kissell, Ryan Glista, Mike Solarczyk. **Row 3:** Gary Spaid, Chris Gaunt, Tony Stager, Bill Nadolsky, Dave Petney, Rich Vermeulin, Bob Kodosky.

Junior High And J.V. Football Teams Learn Fundamentals Of Game

Quality varsity football teams are the products of the training which their members received when they were members of junior high and junior varsity football squads. As members of these junior teams, these boys gained valuable training and experience.

Junior Varsity coaches, John Kittell and Gary Gouse, felt that their boys were all "outstanding." Each of the players put forth good individual efforts, but Coach Kittell felt that the boys needed some more improvement in lerning how to play as a team.

The junior high football team also had the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of football. Coach Doug Conlon felt that his players did the best that they could and put forth their best efforts.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM—Left to right, row 1: Anthony Gaunt, Howard Smith, Bill Gates, Bob Slebodnick, Todd Cadwallader, Richard Rice, Jackie Vargo, Mark Chobany, Charles Fultz, Danny Behe, Chris Plummer, Bill Smith, David Boreck, Henry Gaunt, Ed Bier, John Latherow, Todd Havrilla. **Row 2:** Chris Walters, Rickey Noel, Rick Sendzick, Jim Wozniak, John Miko, Jim Shrall, Eric Fedorko, Kevin Lutz, Brad Smith, Andy Nevarre, Jim Bittle, Ron Leckey, Travis Swires, Danny Kirch, David Rambeau, Richard Rudolph. **Row 3:** Larry McCabe—coach, Pat Aungst, Billo Fetsko, Andrew Fedorko, Greg Makosky, Mike Babish, John Jones, Roy Nagle, Andy Teno, Gene Krisko, Mike Galla, Roger Sossong, Scott Chappell, Ron Sheppard, Tom Bowser, Greg Thrower, Eric Sherbine, Doug Conlon—coach. **Row 4:** Ed Gibson, Pat Lengel, Brad McCabe, Kevin Grecek, Ron Swires, Don Sral, Mark O'Shaben, Dave Sopata, George Fetsko, Mike Gillen, John Solarczyk, Brian Pollock, Joe Vermeulin, Russ Gouse, Doug Glista, Paul Husar.

Far left: Head Coach **Charles McCabe** goes over game strategy with quarterback **Bill Corrente** during a time out. **Left:** The annual bonfire sparks enthusiasm at the beginning of the football season. **Below:** The Portage Mustangs are coached by a five man coaching staff lead by (left to right) Head Coach **Charles McCabe** and Assistant Coaches **Gary Gouse, John Kittell, Doug Conlon,** and **Larry McCabe.**

Above: Larry Michaels dives across the goal line to score six points against the team from Cambria Heights.

Girl Cagers Complete Winning Season In '82

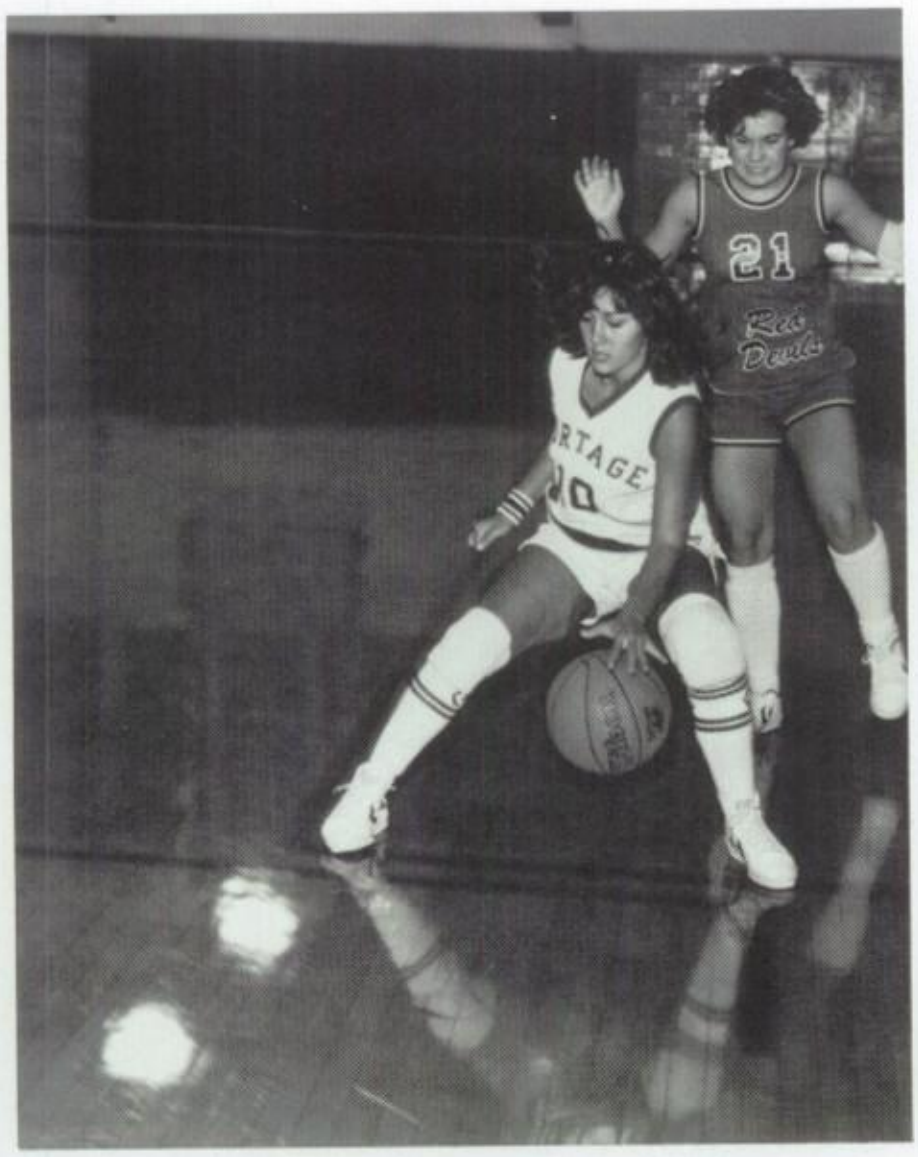
The varsity girls' basketball team completed a successful season. They had a winning season with an overall record of 12 wins and 5 losses. All the girl cagers put forth a good effort, worked together as a team, and had a balanced scoring attack. Coach Gary Yusko said that teamwork and depth were two of the team's strong points.

Six players were especially valuable—Robyn Adams for her passing and shooting; Terry Chappell for her hustle, rebounding and shooting; Shari Davis for her shooting and rebounding; Karen Spaid for her inside moves, her hook shot and her rebounding; Denise Wright for her rebounding and defense; and Sue Bryja for her shooting, hustle and passing.

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM—Left to right: Karen Spaid, Shari Davis, Terry Chappell, Lisa Stager, Robyn Adams, Gina Solarczyk, Mr. Yusko—head coach, Missy McQuillen, Jeanine Fedorko, Melany Chobany, Sue Bryja, Sue Ellis, Denise Wright. Absent from photo: Sharon McCarthy.

Top: Showing their usual enthusiasm, the **girl cagers** charge into the gymnasium as the cheerleaders root them on. **Above: Robyn Adams** shows her offensive skills as she moves the basketball up the court.

Above far left: Karen Spaid maintains ball control after capturing a rebound. **Above: Denise Wright** attempts to add two more points to the score as she shoots toward the basket.



J.V. Girls' Basketball Team Completes 13-3 Season

The JV Lady Cagers completed a very successful season with 13 wins and 3 losses. The girls can attribute their success to their excellent defense and their team oriented attitudes. Although their field shooting needs work, Coach Trina Vargo was extremely pleased with the progress the team made this year.

Leading rebounders for the team included Melany Chobany and Lisa Stager (91). Missy McQuillen lead the team with the most assists (68); she also had the most steals (58). Lisa Stager scored the most points (180).

Everyone on the team is important; however, Coach Vargo felt that some of the girls were exceptionally outstanding in certain areas. Missy McQuillen is an excellent point guard; Lisa Stager is an outstanding shooter, especially under pressure; Sharon McCarthy holds team records in foul shooting and field shooting; Melany Chobany is an excellent rebounder and defensive player; and Jeanine Fedorko is an accomplished rebounder and defensive center.

Above left: "Whoa, horsey," says a member of the opposing team while **Gina Solarczyk** uses one of her great dribbling techniques to control the basketball for PAHS. **Above middle:** JV coach, **Trina Vargo,** discusses the game plans with the JV basketball squad. **Above: Melany Chobany** tries her best to push the ball to a member of the Portage Mustangs.

JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM—Clockwise from top: Trina Petney, Lisa Stager, Melany Chobany, Missy McQuillen, Gina Solarczyk, Trina Vargo—coach, Sharon McCarthy, Mary Kleman, Jeanine Fedorko, Debbie Zock, Elaine Smith.

Above: Missy McQuillen shoots to make two points for Portage. **Left:** A member of the opposing team shoots the basketball while **Jeanine Fedorko** watches the action in hopes of getting a rebound.

Junior High Girls Develop Basketball Fundamentals

Under the direction of Coach Bob Kunko, the members of the Portage Junior High Girls' Basketball Team worked diligently all during the 1982 season to learn and develop basketball fundamentals.

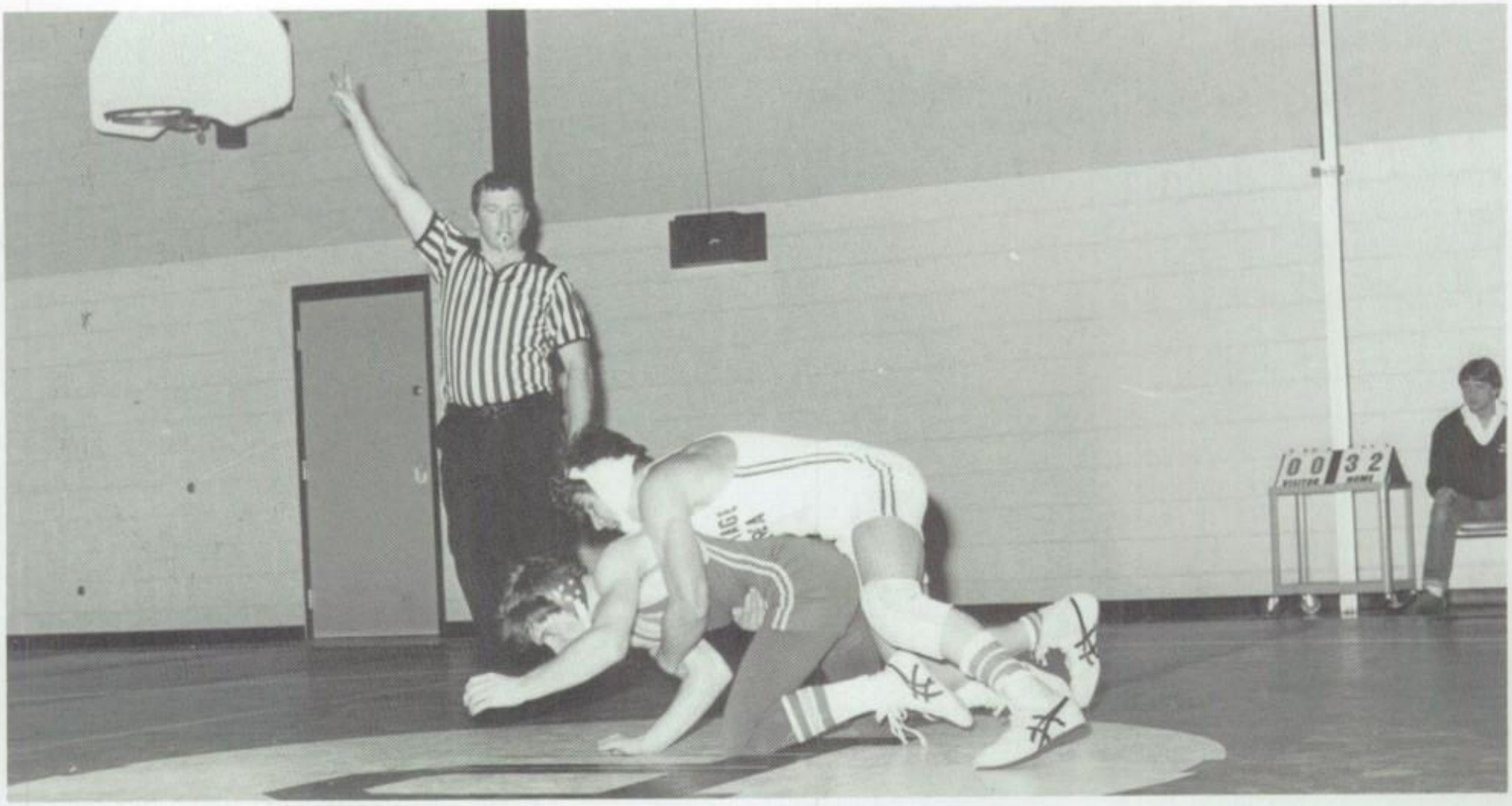
During their practice sessions, the young girl cagers worked to develop and improve various basketball techniques, both offensively and defensively. Many hours were spent trying to improve field shooting, rebounding, and foul shooting.

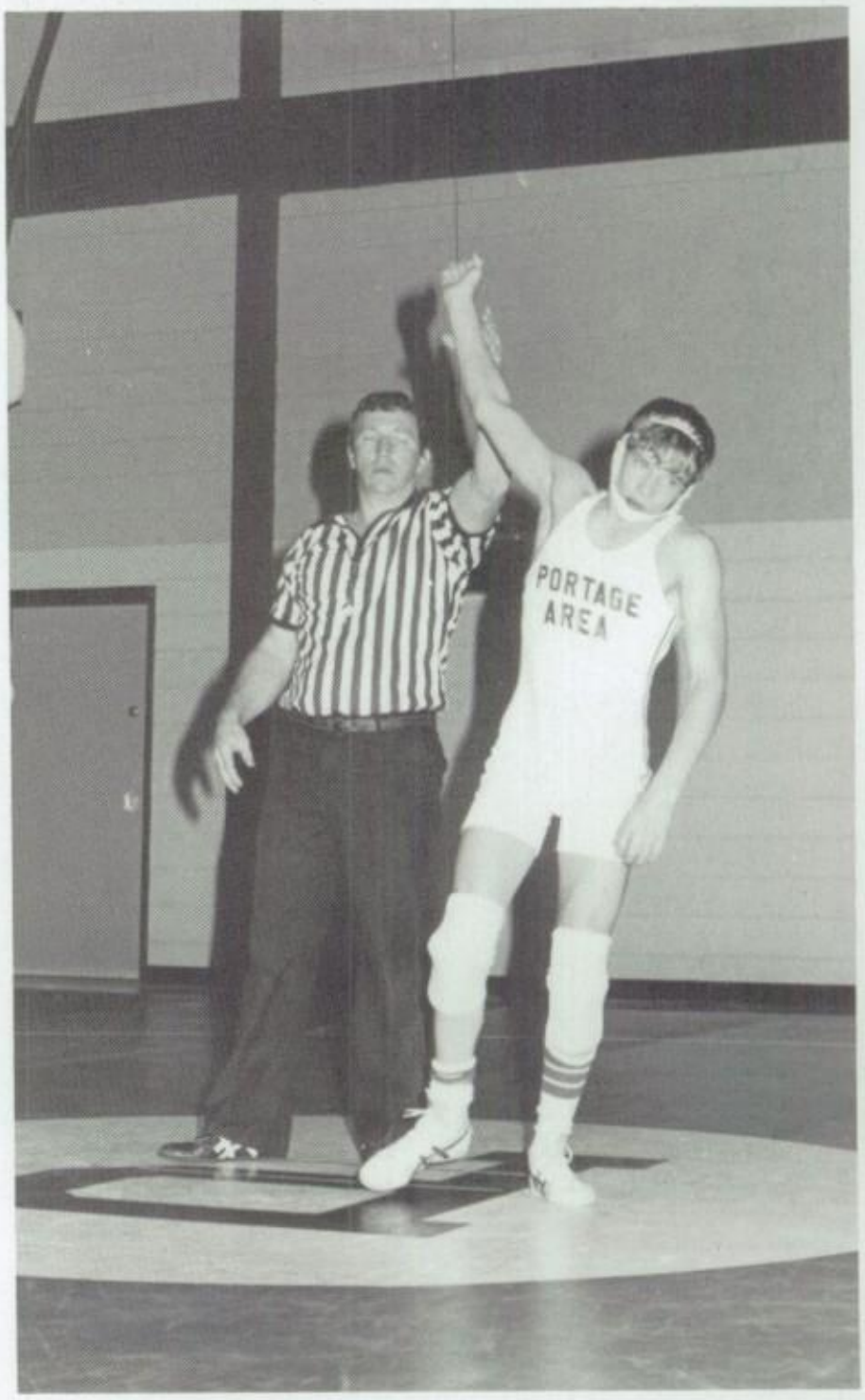
Perhaps most important of all, these girls learned the importance of teamwork. For a team to be successful, each of its members must learn to work together as a unit and to develop a self-discipline which will benefit the team. Mastering these essentials will help these girls develop into more mature basketball players.

Right: JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM—Clockwise: Lisa Fedorko, Tammy Perkins, Tessi Fuzie, Becky Adams, Lori Adams, Kelly Furtkevic, Patrice Rylke, Tammy McCarthy, Jennifer Bentley, Sue Burkett, Kim Canavan, Chris Fryzlewicz, Sandy Bryson, Trinnette Mazur. **Center:** Bob Kunko—coach. **Top right: Terry Chappell, Sue Ellis,** and two opponents from Central Cambria struggle to gain control of a jump ball.

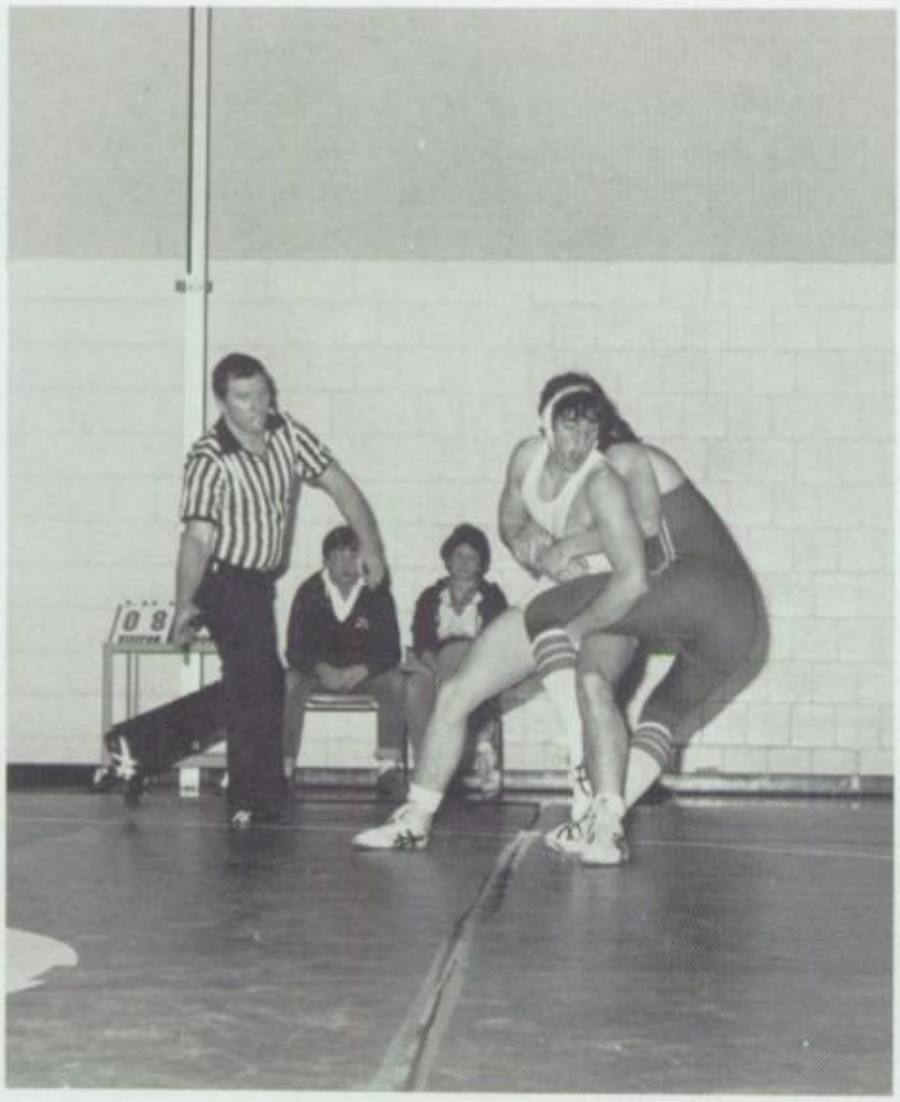
Left: Sue Bryja shoots a layup as **Terry Chappell** looks on to see if Sue's attempt results in two more points for the Lady Mustangs. **Below: Karen Spaid** prepares to shoot a layup in hopes of scoring another basketball for the team.

Above: The members of the **varsity girls' basketball team** get prepared to run onto the court prior to the beginning of a varsity game at home.





Top: Bob Fox makes two points by taking down his opponent during a meet against Glendale. **Right: Emil Branas** was victorious in his wrestling match as the referee points out. **Above:** Portage's **Jim Fryzlewicz** positions his opponent in hopes of making a pin.

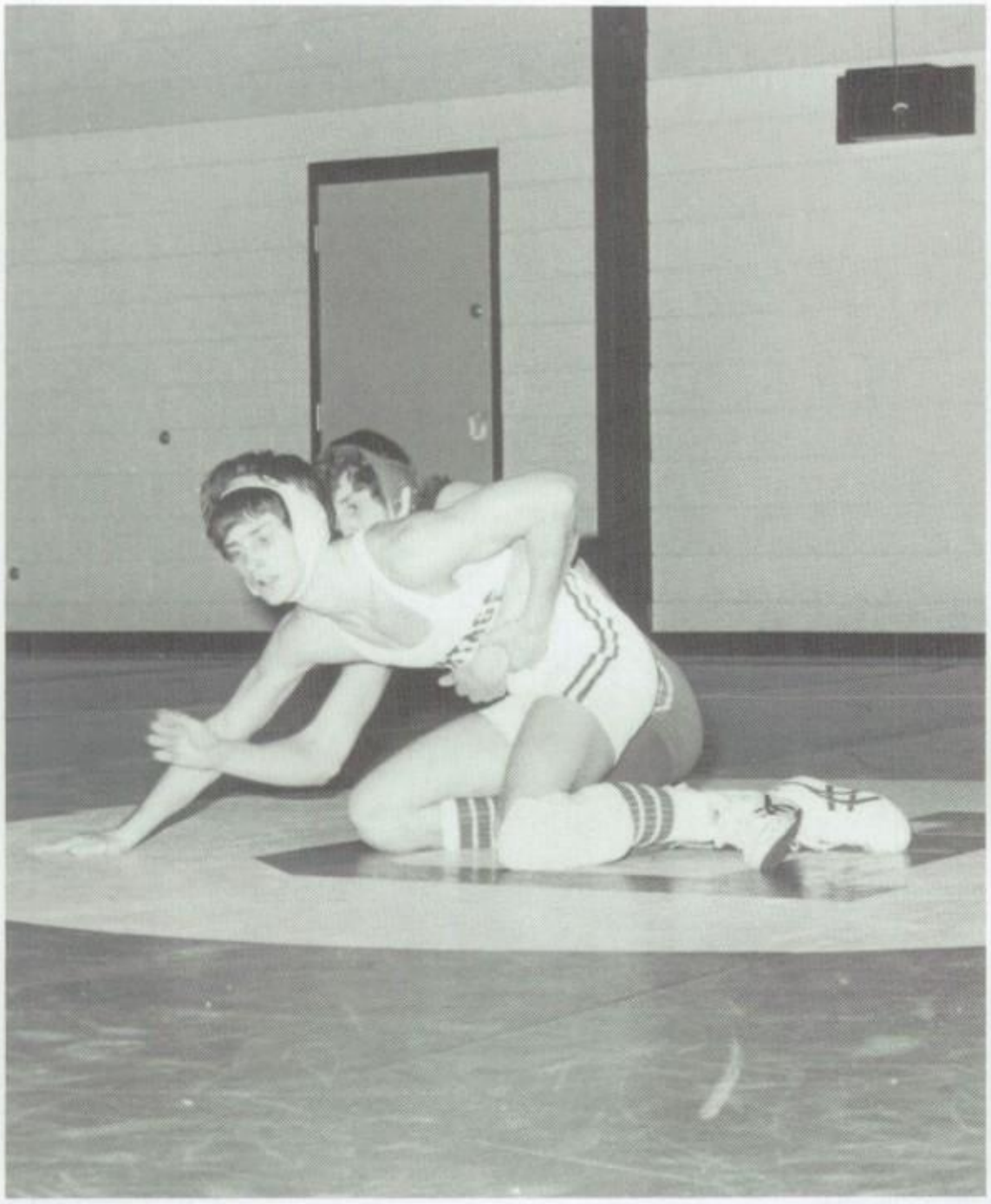


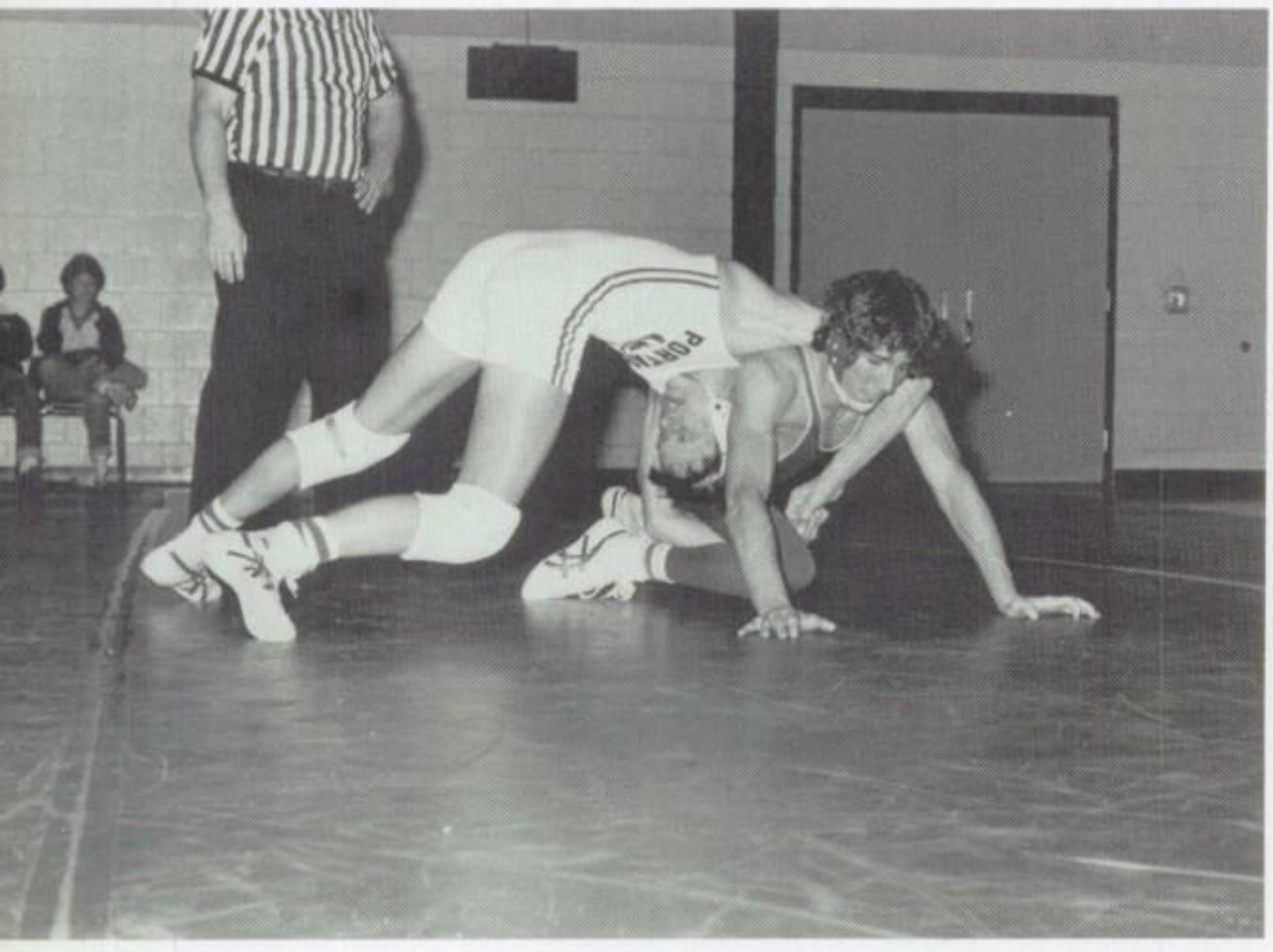
PAHS Matmen Put Forth Total Effort During Season

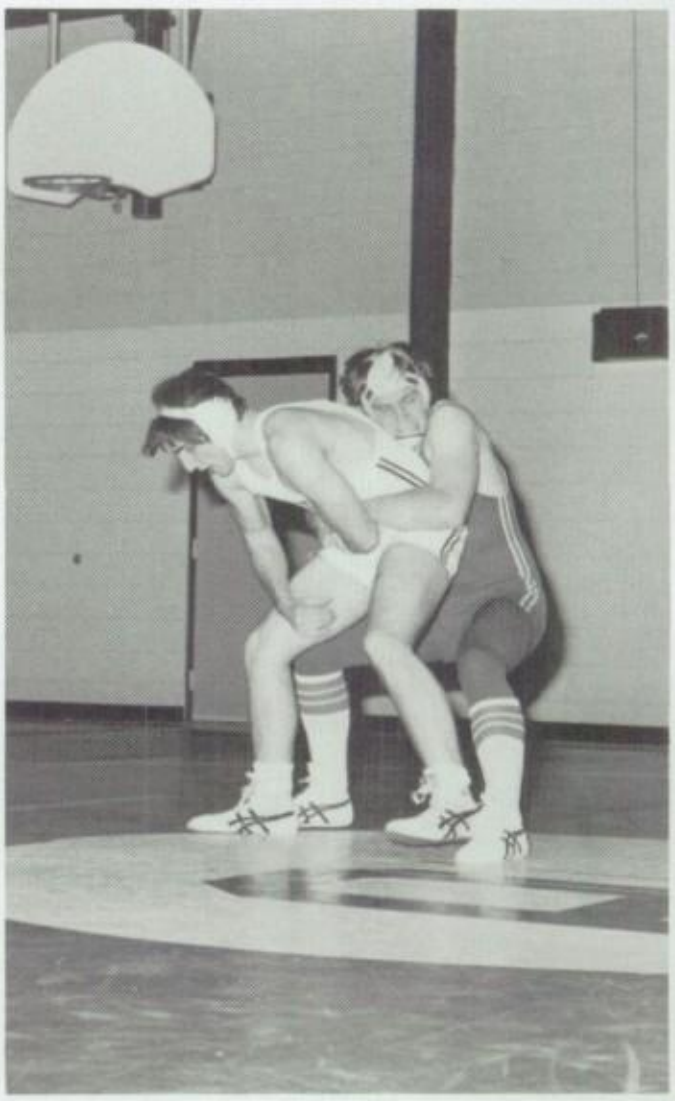
According to Head Coach Doug Conlon, the varsity wrestling team put forth a total effort and wrestled to their potential during the 1982-83 season. Their team spirit was, perhaps, their greatest asset, in the opinion of Coach Conlon. Each wrestler prepared for each of his matches by working very hard, being extremely determined, and exercising much self-discipline. Since it is an extremely demanding sport, the wrestlers went through constant drills and participated in numerous wrestling scrimmages.

Their hard work and perserverance paid off each time the matmen scored a Mustang victory. They were successful in having a winning season.

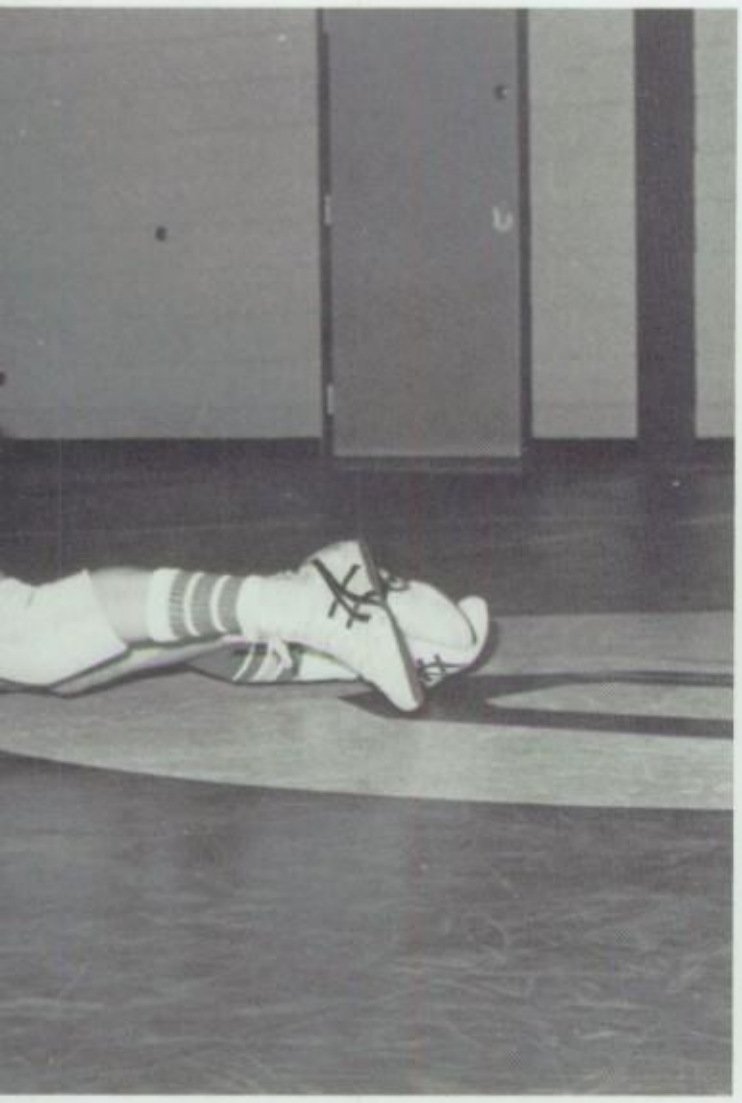
Above: VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM: Left to right, row 1: Ron Davis, Bob Sossong, Curt Wyandt, John Whitcomb. **Row 2:** Bob Fox, Greg Makosky, Jeff Sherbine, Emil Branas, Mark Keith. **Row 3:** Mr. Conlon—head coach, Shawn Black—manager, Tim Enderlein, Frank Jubara, Jim Fryzlewicz, Ray Lee, Walter Fox, Mr. Skomra— assistant coach. **Top:** During **Frank Jubara's** wrestling match, he attempts a take down of his opponent.



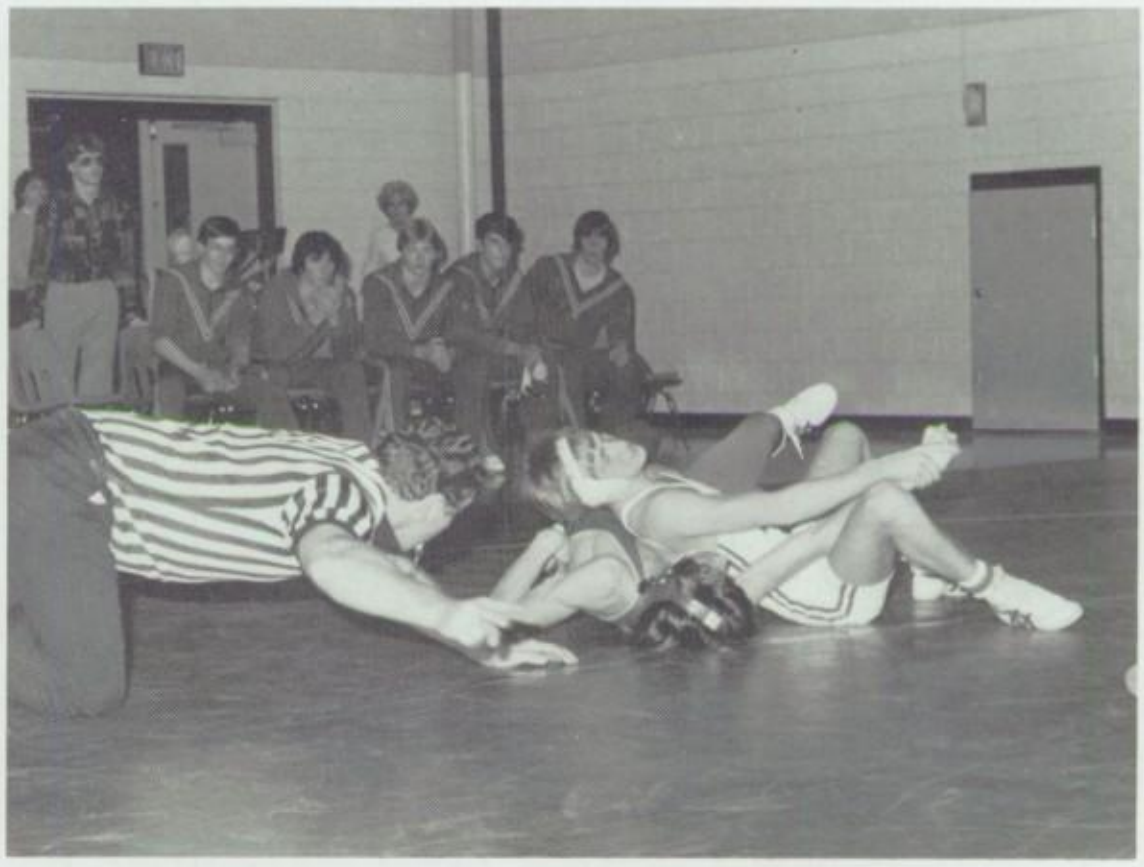


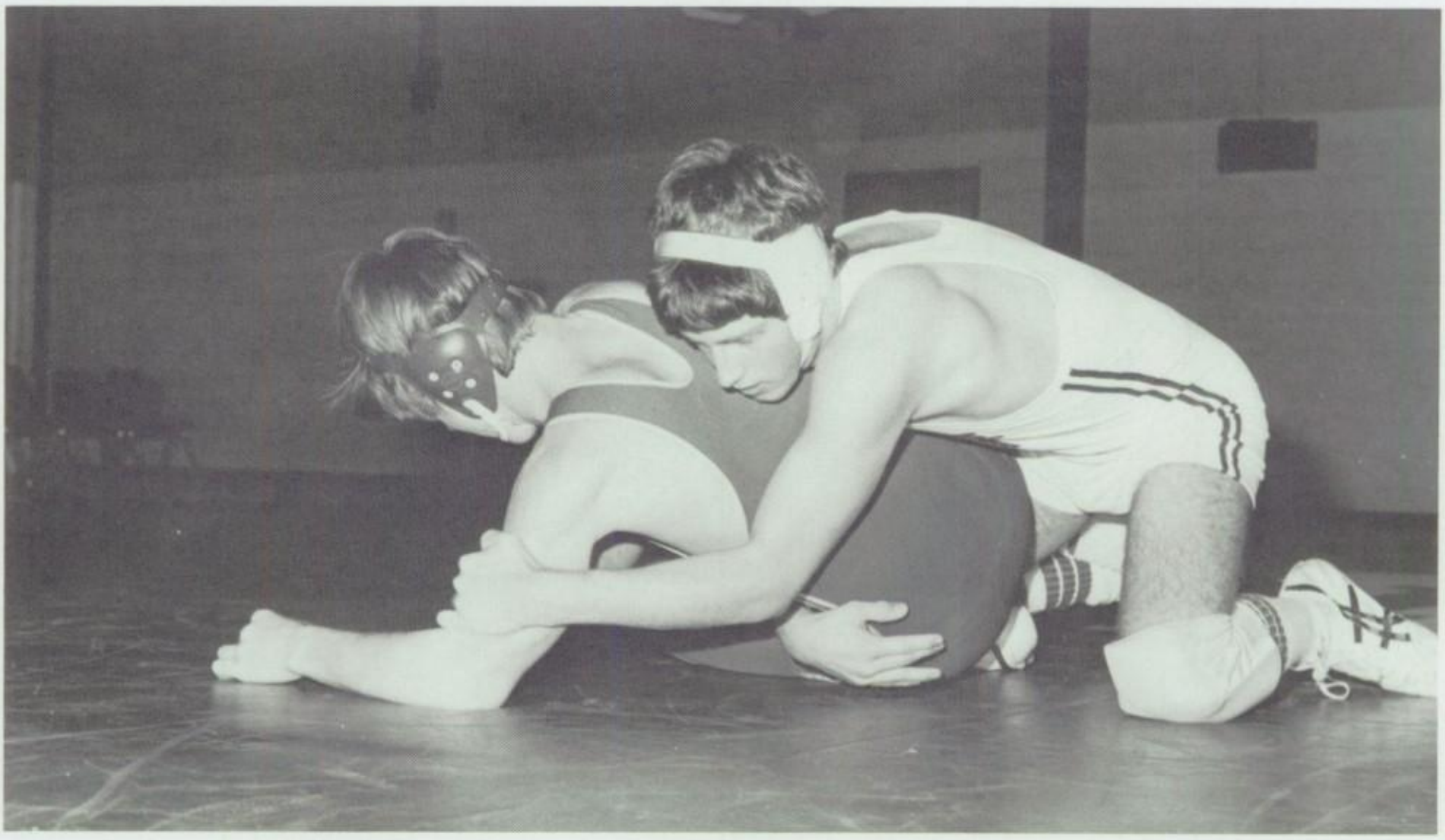


Top left: John Whitcomb tries for a reversal against his opponent. **Left: Jim Fryzlewicz** works for two points as he puts his competitor in a cradle. **Above: Frank Jubara** attempts to slip out of his opponent's grasp at a varsity wrestling match.



Left: Robert Fox tries to pin his opponent at a varsity wrestling meet. **Below: Bob Sossong,** with a good advantage, struggles for a pin during his varsity wrestling match.





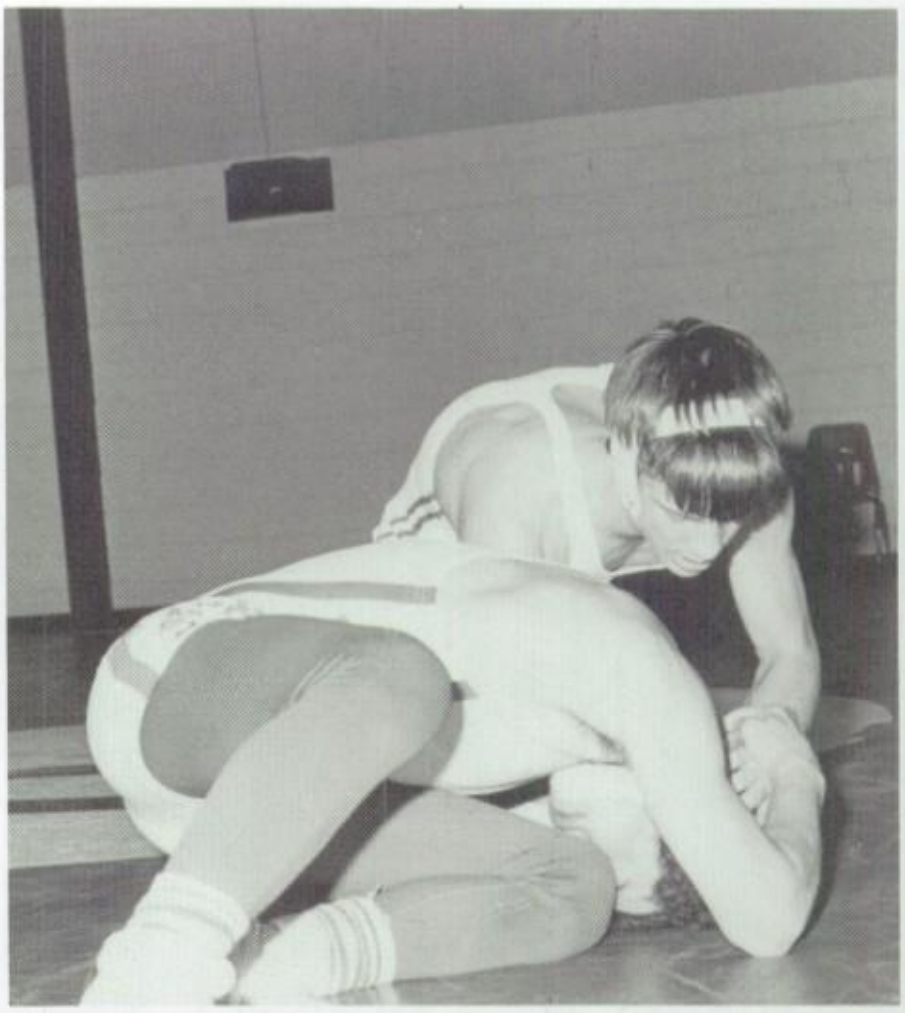
Above: Jeff Sherbine, who wrestles on the varsity squad, tries to "flip" his opponent in an effort to get a pin for his match.

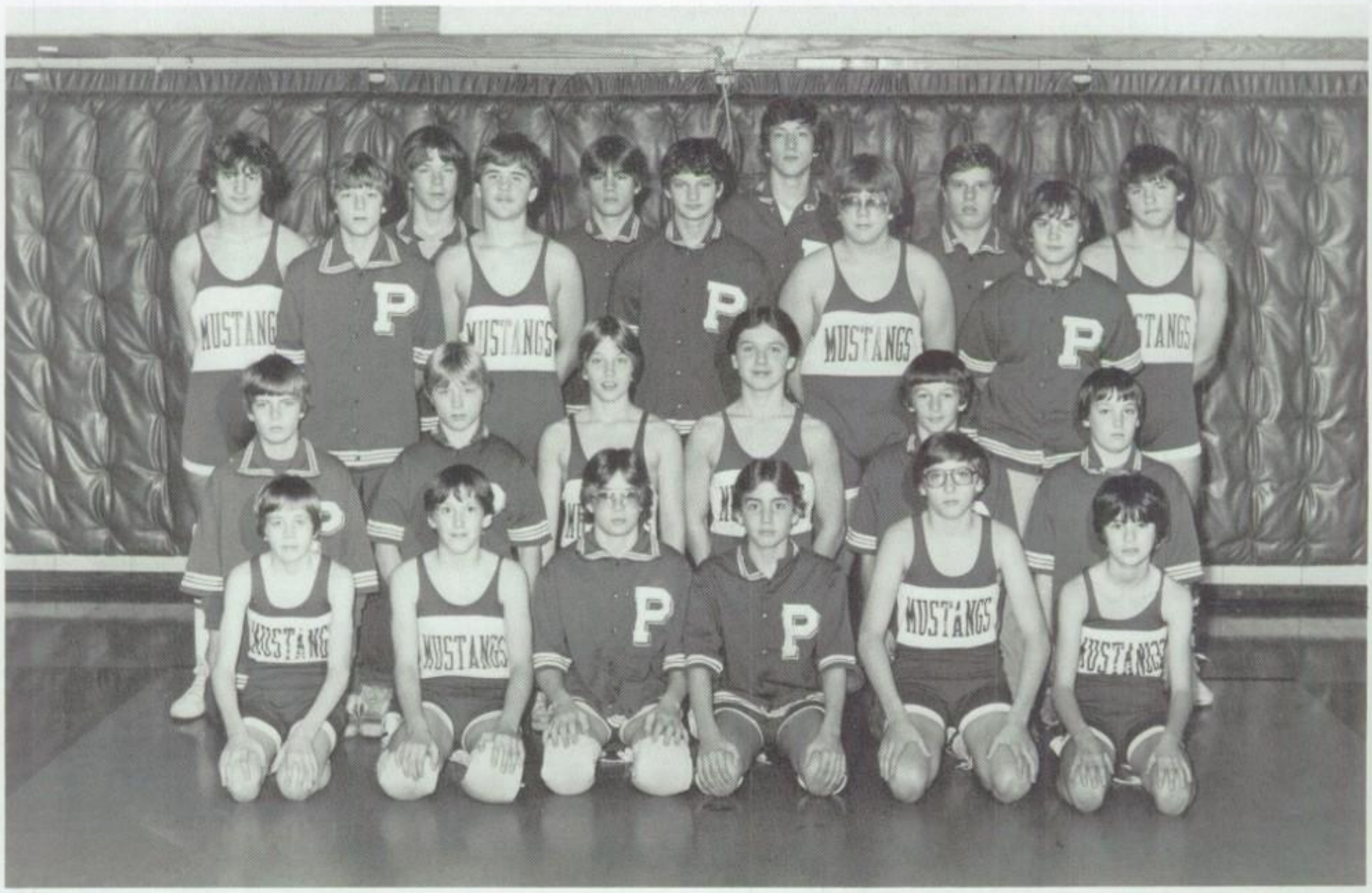
Jr. Wrestling Teams Develop Fundamental Techniques

The junior varsity and the junior high wrestling squads devoted countless hours to the development of the skills and expertise necessary to become good, competitive wrestlers. Wrestling demands that each participant practice self-discipline and skillfully execute the various wrestling moves which he has learned.

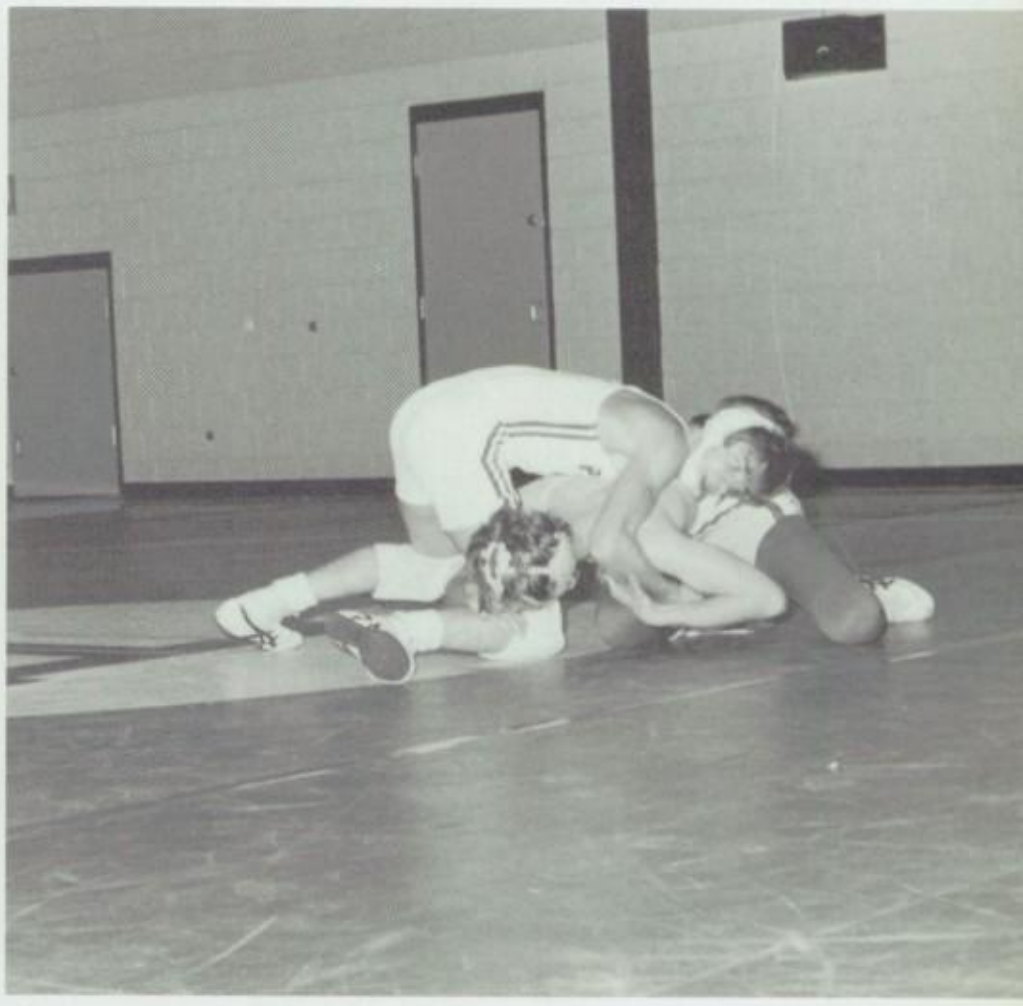
Members of both junior wrestling teams put forth outstanding efforts to learn the wrestling moves and to apply them in their matches.

The junior varsity matmen were coached by Mr. Adam Skomra while the junior high team was under the direction of Mr. Mike Branas.





Top: JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING TEAM—Left to right, row 1: Kevin Zimmerman, Greg Leturgey, Travis Swires, Ron Leckey, Andy Teno, John Plummer. **Row 2:** Dave Boreck, Joe Shaw, Dan Kerch, Rick Sendzick, John Erickson, Joe Feathers. **Row 3:** Dave Hershel, Eric Sherbine, Rick Noel, Chris Walters, Richard Rudolph. **Row 4:** Dave Tutsock, Micky Sekerak, Bob Nadolsky, Pat Lengel, Paul Husar, Don Sral.



Top: The **Varsity Wrestlers** look on as the JV wrestlers try to win their segment of the meet and boost the morale of the varsity team members, who will soon be vying for a win. **Left: Mark Keith** attempts to get his competitor to flip over on his back. **Above:** Curt Wyandt aims to get his rival to give in a little, so he can get six points.

Varsity Boys Basketball Team Struggles Through Season

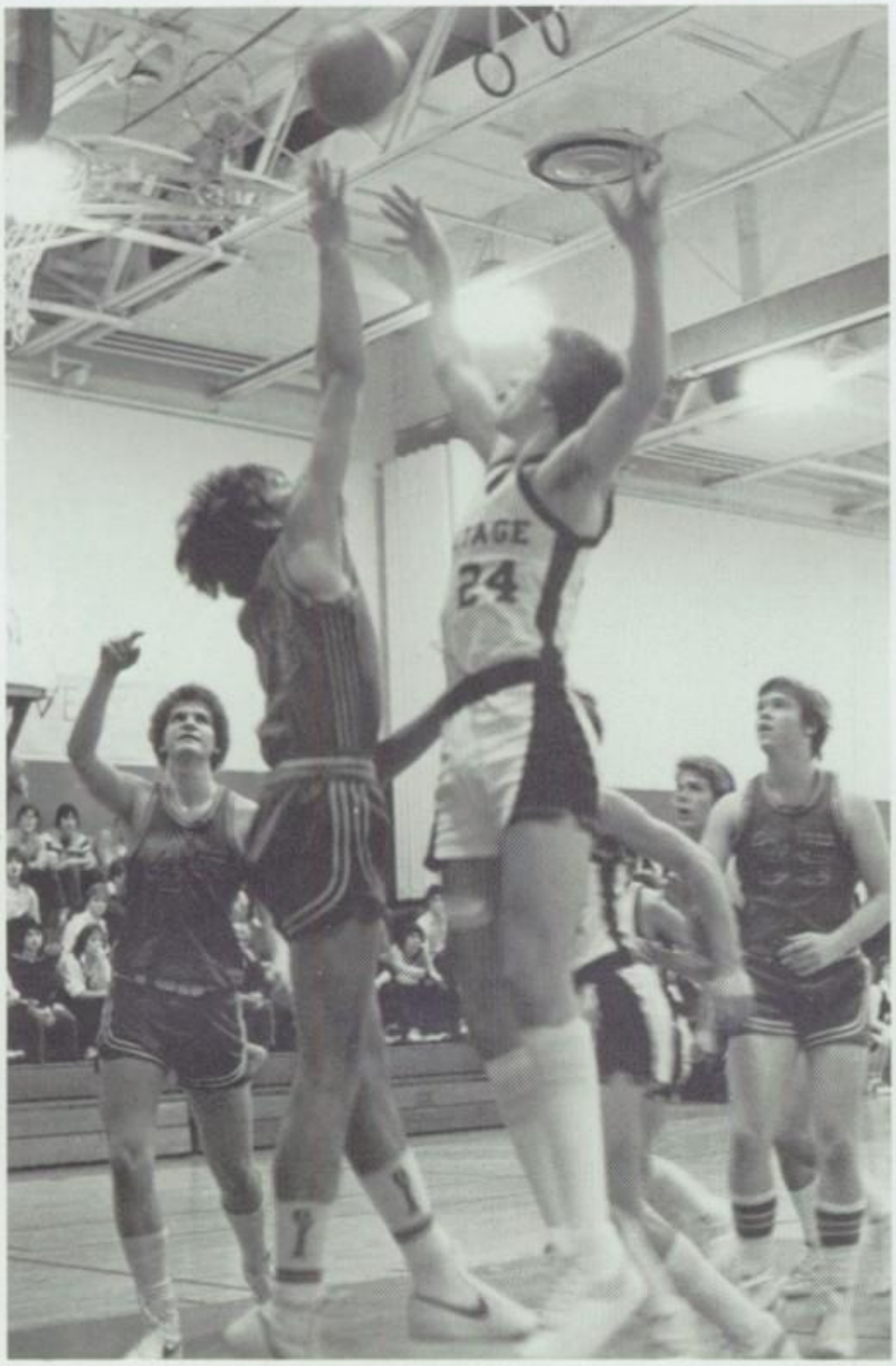
The 1982-83 season proved to be a tough and disappointing one for the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team. Try as they might, the boys just could not seem to earn many victories for the Mustangs. The boys were spirited and had the desire to win, but they could not seem to use teamwork to their best advantage.

The boys began the season under the coaching of Mr. George Chobany, who had to resign from his position about one-third of the way through the season for health reasons. Mr. Bob Kunko was named as the head coach for the remainder of the season.

Above: VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM—Left to right, kneeling: Bill Moyer, Larry Michaels, John Myher. **Standing:** Neil Glista, Doug Chappell, Pete Koza, Larry Gloster, Jim Michaels, Tim Wodoslawsky, Steve Petney, Mr. George Chobany—coach.

Left: Bill Moyer makes a lay-up as he successfully avoids the defensive moves of several of his opponents. **Below: Larry Michaels,** hoping to gain possession of the ball, reaches for a jump ball. **Bottom: Tim Wodoslawsky,** amidst three defenders from Cambria Heights, works his way up the court with the ball.

Top: Eric Gruss attempts to pass to a teammate against a Cambria Heights defender. **Above: Gary Spaid** looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to during a home game. **Right: Neil Glista** attempts a lay-up before a home crowd.



Left: Larry Gloster attempts a jump shot against a Cambria Heights opponent. **Below: Coach George Chobany** talks to his team during a time out in the game against Cambria Heights on December 3. **Bottom: Bill Moyer** dribbles the ball up the court in hopes of successfully completing a basket for the Mustangs.

JV & Jr. High Basketball Teams Build For Future Varsity Squads

Perhaps the foremost goal of all players on the junior varsity and the junior high basketball teams is to develop into the best possible players they can be in preparation for the day that they finally become part of the varsity squad. Through their practices and games, these junior cagers worked on mastering the fundamentals of basketball. The training and experience that they received was invaluable.

The junior varsity team was coached by Pat Pfeilstucker and Robert Kunrod. The boys put forth their best efforts and tried to work together as a team.

The junior high team, under the direction of Mr. Mark Petrunak, underwent rigorous training in basketball fundamentals and applied their knowledge during their games.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM—Kneeling: Bob Kunko—coach. **Standing, left to right:** Tony DeLuca, Rich Vermeulin, Tim Benjack, Mike Bodosky, Bill Nadolsky, Bob Kodosky, Gary Spaid, Eric Gruss, Rich Rylke.

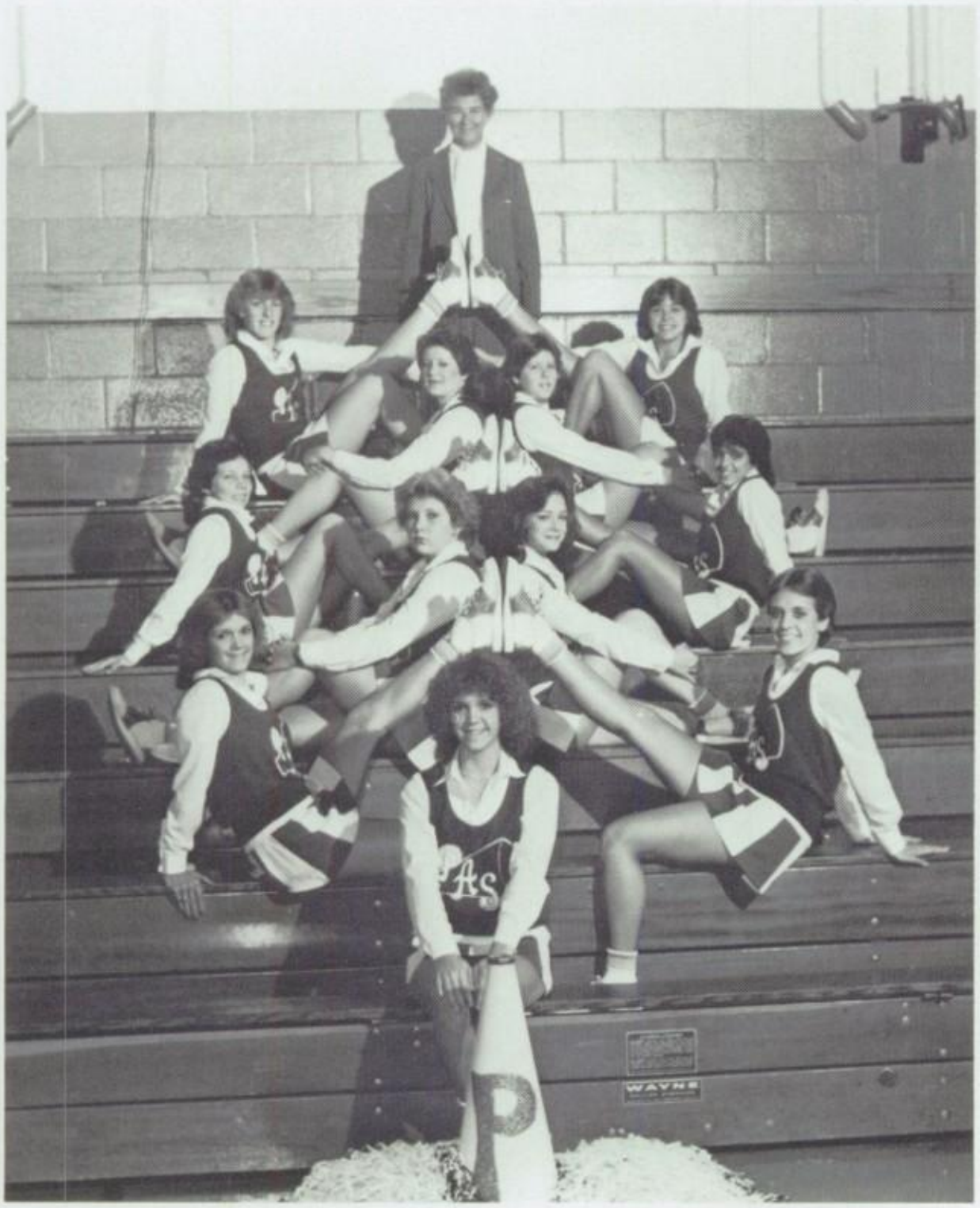
Far left: Coach Bob Kunko discusses a play during a time-out. **Left: Tony DeLuca** attempts to add two more points to the team's score. **Below: Bob Kodosky** struggles his way through the Cambria Heights' defense in hopes of making a basket for the Mustangs.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM—Bottom to top from left: Chris Kissell, Robert Koban, Greg Martinek, Frank Zock, Pat Aungst, Joe Vermeulin, George Fetsko, John Solarczyk, Joe Scoran, Jim Vocco, Kevin Grecek, Ron Swires, Ed Gibson.

Right: The **varsity cheerleaders** pause between cheers at a pep rally while **Mr. Bernazzoli** moderates the weekly event. **Below:** The **varsity cheerleaders** show their enthusiasm as the girls' basketball team scores two points. **Bottom:** The **cheerleaders** discuss which cheer they will use next at a home football game.

Varsity Cheerleaders Boost Morale At Sports' Events

Wherever or whenever there are Portage Area students involved in sports' activities, the varsity cheerleaders are there giving the teams the encouragement to try to earn another victory for the mighty Mustangs. Much credit should be given to the girls for their enthusiasm and spirit during the sports' events. Special credit is also given to their advisor, Mrs. Slonac, who, for the past 30 years, has been giving PAHS cheerleaders the benefit of her vast experience in cheerleading.



Left: VARSITY CHEERLEADERS—Bottom to top, left to right: Annette Gossard, Karen Gossard, Kim Koban, Judy Letzo, Kim Ritchey, Lisa Roberts, Lisa Diehl, Lisa Stager, Renee Smith, Dawn Fetsko, Michelle Noble. **Above: Annette Gossard,** varsity cheerleader, goes through the motions of a cheering routine at a home football game. **Top left: Lisa Roberts** and **Kim Koban,** two varsity cheerleaders, help to give the football team encouragement with their spirited cheers.

Far right: The **JV cheerleaders** welcome the visiting cheerleaders as they do their traditional "Hello Cheer." **Right:** All the hard work that the **JV cheerleaders** put into preparation of their cheering routines pays off as they do their cheers with precision.

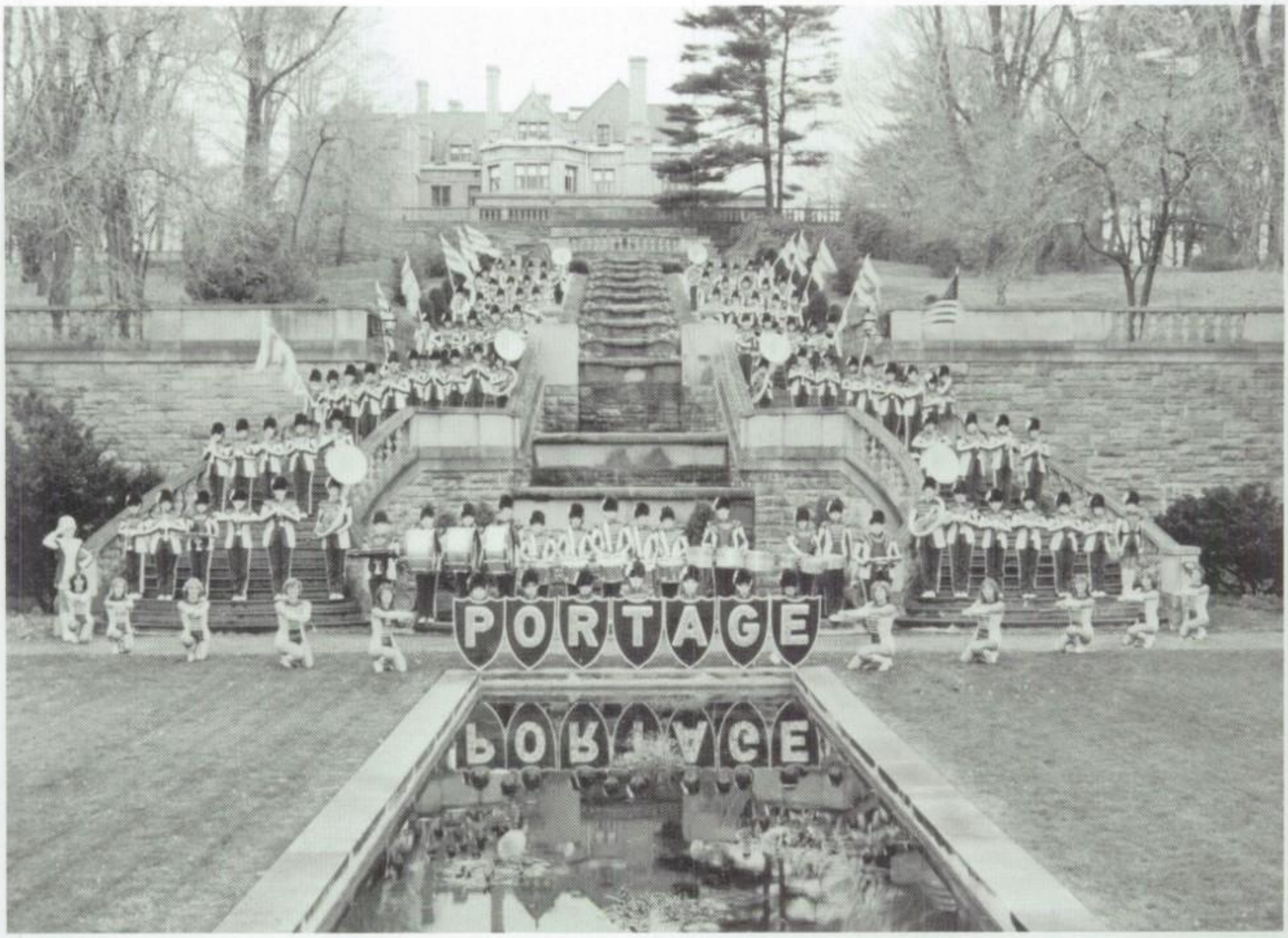
JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS—Left to right, row 1: Gayle Olszewski, Michelle Etienne, Karen Zock. **Row 2:** Karen Mastaller, Stephanie Stombaugh, Tracie Crum. **Row 3:** Carol Pisarski, Yvette Benko, Debbie George, Lorraine Lytle, Jean Vaughn.

Junior Varsity & Junior High Cheerleaders Give Support To Jr. Teams

Portage Area JV and junior high cheerleaders promote spirit and enthusiasm during the football games, wrestling matches, and the boys and girls basketball games. The 1982-83 junior cheerleading squads received valuable training and experience which will be of great benefit in helping them earn a spot on the varsity cheerleading squad.

These dedicated girls spend numerous hours perfecting a variety of cheerleading routines which enchance all the sports' events. Both of these squads are under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Slonac.

JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS—Left to right, row 1: Tracey Olszewski, Georgette Szuhaj. **Row 2:** Trisha Benko, Jami Stager, Dianne George, Stephanie Koval, Pam Oravecz. **Row 3:** Kelly Krisko, Kim Nolan, Sheri Pinos, Nicole Chappell, Chris Fetsko. **Standing:** Annette Koenigsberg.



CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The clubs, organizations, and activities at Portage Area High School appeal to a wide variety of interests. For those students with musical inclinations, there are the band and the chorus. Students have the opportunity to be part of the school government through student council. The National Honor Society gives recognition to students with outstanding academic records. The drama club gives students the opportunity to take part in live theatrical productions. Students with journalistic talents work to publish the school newspaper and yearbook. Being a part of one of these clubs or a member of any other club or organization at PAHS allows students to form friendships which make being part of each of these groups even more precious and meaningful.

Far left: The **Portage Area Marching Band** is always impressive. They looked especially spectacular in this group picture taken at the Schwab Estate in Loretto. **Left:** The **Drama Club** shows its talents by performing **Medea,** the classic Greek tragedy by Euripedes. **Bottom left: Robyn Adams,** escorted by her father, makes her way to the risers moments before she was crowned 1982 PAHS Homecoming Queen. **Below:** It was a proud moment for JoAnne Gossard (middle) when her sister Karen pinned on her corsage as an NHS inductee while her sister Annette looked on.

Portage Area High

PORTAGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND—Left to right, row 1: Karen Yetsko, Beth Hochrein, Bonnie Hochrein, Sherry Latherow, Renee Benko, Kim Hufford, Linda Causer, Mary Kuchera, Robin Thomas, Wendi Hazlett, Debbie Zock, Bonnie Michrina, Chris Whitcomb, Carrie Schaffranek, Karen Krisko, Amy Yusko, Michelle Bobolsky, Tammy Bloom, Amy Miko, Tracy Byers. **Row 2:** Kelly Burkett, Kim Tully, Jennifer Earnest, Missy Black, Sue Stoke, Shelly Benjack, Mary Beth Sigado, Kathy Galla, Kathy George, Laurie Gouse, Bobbie Zaremba, Sue Koshak, Tess Fuzie, Clare Kick, Sharon Onder, Kim Black, Kristy Beck, Melissa Pollock, Robyn Adams. **Row 3:** Sondi Wilson, Tammy Schaffranek, Chris Lutz, Ranee Roberts, Lillian Dibble, Renee Wilcox, Lynn Hopper, Becky Adams, Cheri Hopper, Karen Schaffranek, Maria George, Janice Gordon, Lisa Ritchey, Chris Weaver, Sue Burkett, Connie Mrozek, Sally Shockey, Diane Rorabaugh, Brenda

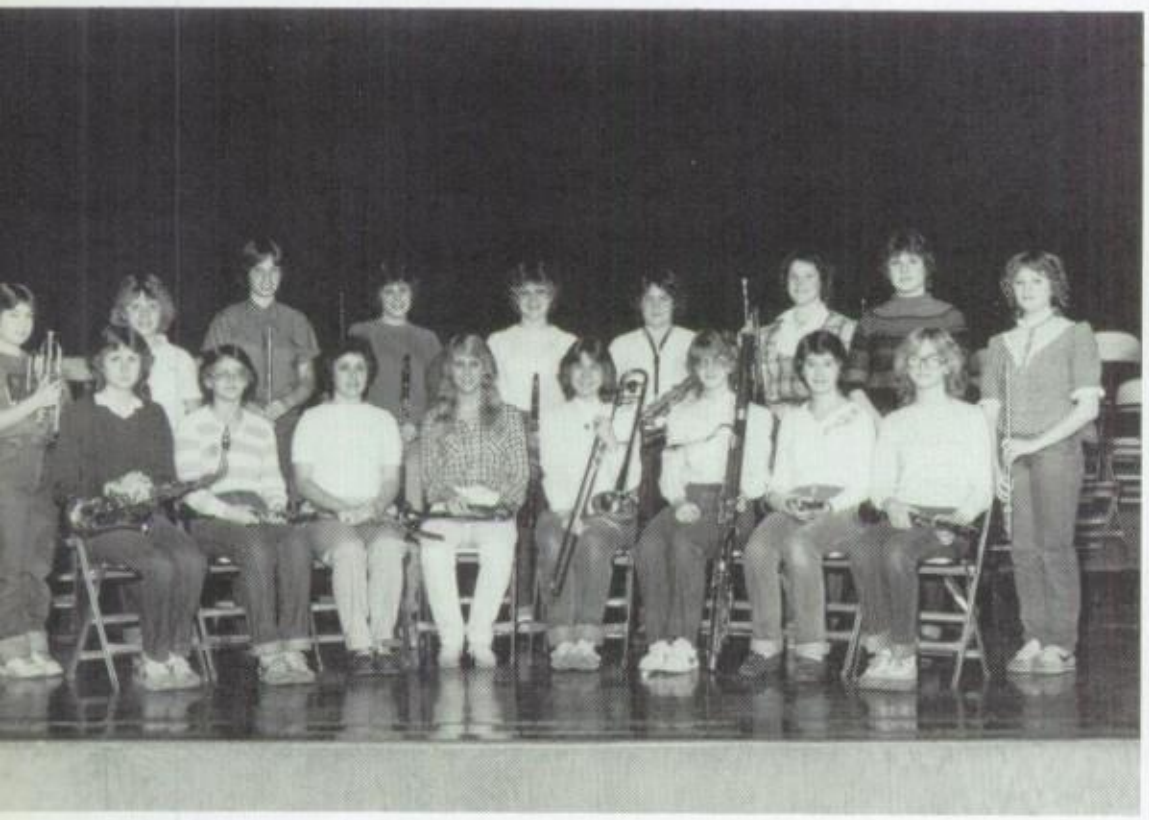
School Concert Band

Koshak. **Row 4:** Trina Petney, Esteline Krisko, Kim Cadwallader, Elaine Smith, Alicia Simala, Denise Wright, Mary Yetsko, John Thomas, Cindy Latherow, Shawna Gilbert, Patricia Beyers, Ron Smith, Barb Myers, Dawn Barrett, Lori Adams, Andrea Kittell, Kim Sweeney, Debbie Latherow, Sharon Grove, Kim Thomas. **Row 5:** Deanna Crum, Nanette Martinek, Cathy Baughman, Robyn Pauley, Bridget Smith, Tammy Baer, Coleen Claar, Kelly Adams, Lisa Bimle, Becky Benko, Kathy Scoran, Rhonda Schmidt, Kristene Miller, Suzie Sekerak, Tim George, Lisa Sendzik, Teresa Rudolph, Carol Teno, Tammy Varner, Karen Myher, Shawna Sossong, Mary Fox, Lisa Galus, Tracy Wyandt, Samantha Jones, Kim Poorman, Patrice Nezneski. **Row 6:** Tim Benjack, Emil Branas, Eric Gruss.

Eighteen Band Members Represent PAHS In County Band Festival

Eighteen Portage Band students took part in the 1982 County Band Festival on December 10, 1982. This year's concert was hosted by Blacklick Valley High School in Nanty Glo.

Musicians from each of the high schools in Cambria County met as a group on four occasions to practice the musical selections which were performed the night of the concert. The concert was successful. The students who took part in this annual event found it to be a rather rewarding experience, and it gave them a chance to meet with and to perform with fellow musicians from throughout the county.



Top right: PAHS Marching Band plays our national anthem before a football game as **Denise Wright,** drum majorette, holds our nation's flag. **Above: County Band Participants—Left to right, row 1:** Trina Petney, Linda Causer, Wendi Hazlett, Maria George, Mary Kuchera, Sondi Wilson, Shelly Benjack, Susan Stoke. **Row 2:** Sally Shockey, Patrice Nezneski, Debbie Zock, Cathy George, Laurie Gouse, Kim Cadwallader, Becky Adams, Tess Fuzie, Chris Whitcomb. **Right:** It is business as usual as the PAHS Band entertains a home crowd during half-time.

Left: Band Officers—Left to right: Maria George— president; Robin Thomas—vice-president; Bonnie Hochrein—secretary; Robyn Adams—treasurer. **Bottom left: Tracy Wyandt** sings "Short People" during halftime at a Portage Mustang's home game. **Below: Mary Fox, Karen Myher,** and **Carol Teno** perform one of their carefully practiced routines for a home crowd at the football stadium.

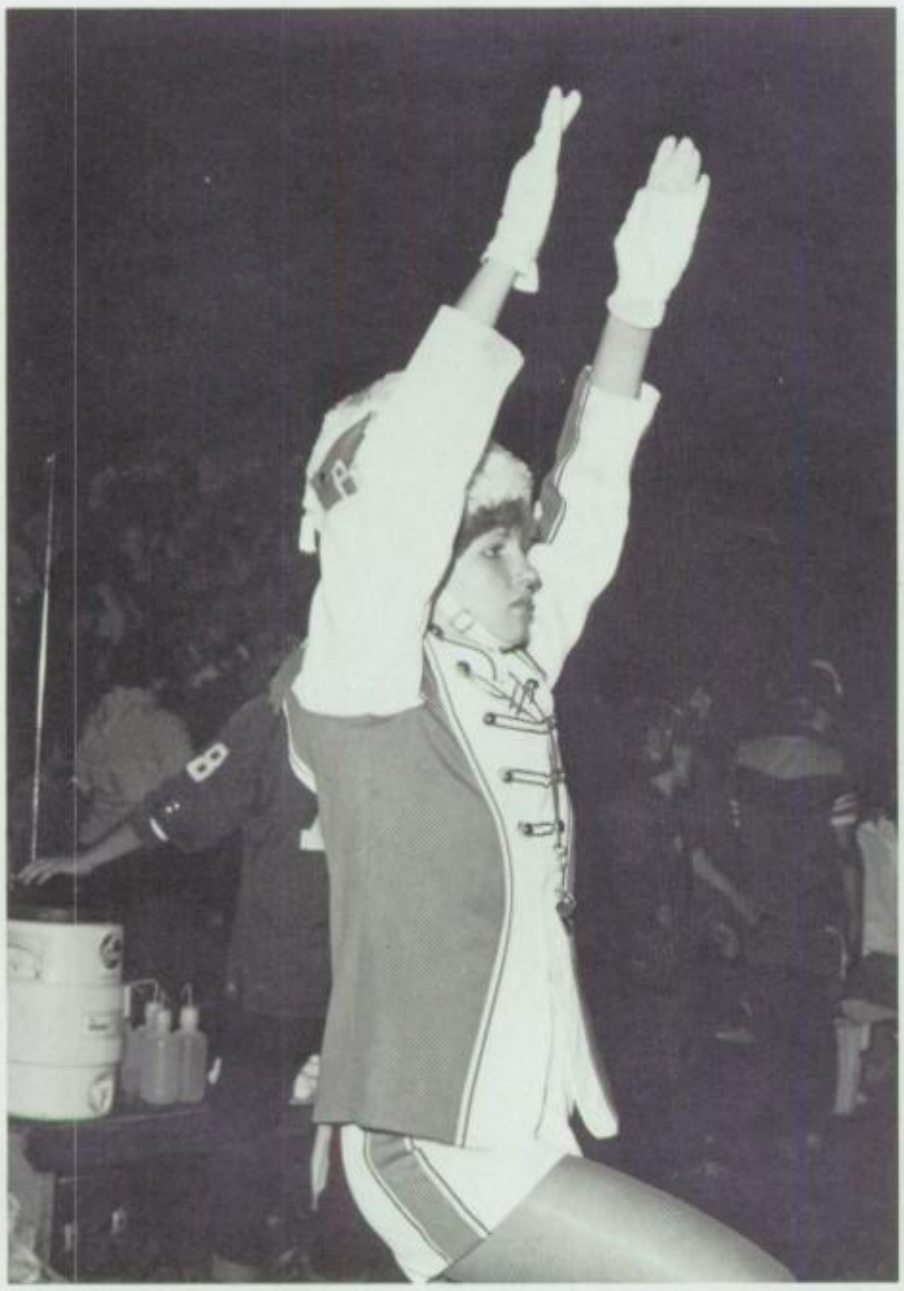
PAHS Marching Band Highlights Football Half-Time Shows

After long hours of practicing, the Portage Area Mustang Marching Band livens up the football half-time shows with intricate drills and dance numbers. Successfully guiding the band, majorettes, and colorguard through these maneuvers is drum majorette, Denise Wright.

The band boosts the spirits of the whole student body at pep rallies and football games with popular, lively songs. A small portion of the band appears as a pep band at a number of basketball games and wrestling matches. The band also proudly represents Portage Area High School in various contests and parades.

The band director is Mr. Edward Nezneski. Assisting him in directing the band is Mrs. Schaffranek, who works with the colorguard, and Mrs. Lucas, who works with the majorettes.

Top: Maria George shows her talents as she plays her piccolo trumpet during the half-time performance at a home football game.
Above: The **Portage Area Band** plays a spirited selection between the quarters at the Portage-Bishop Carroll game.

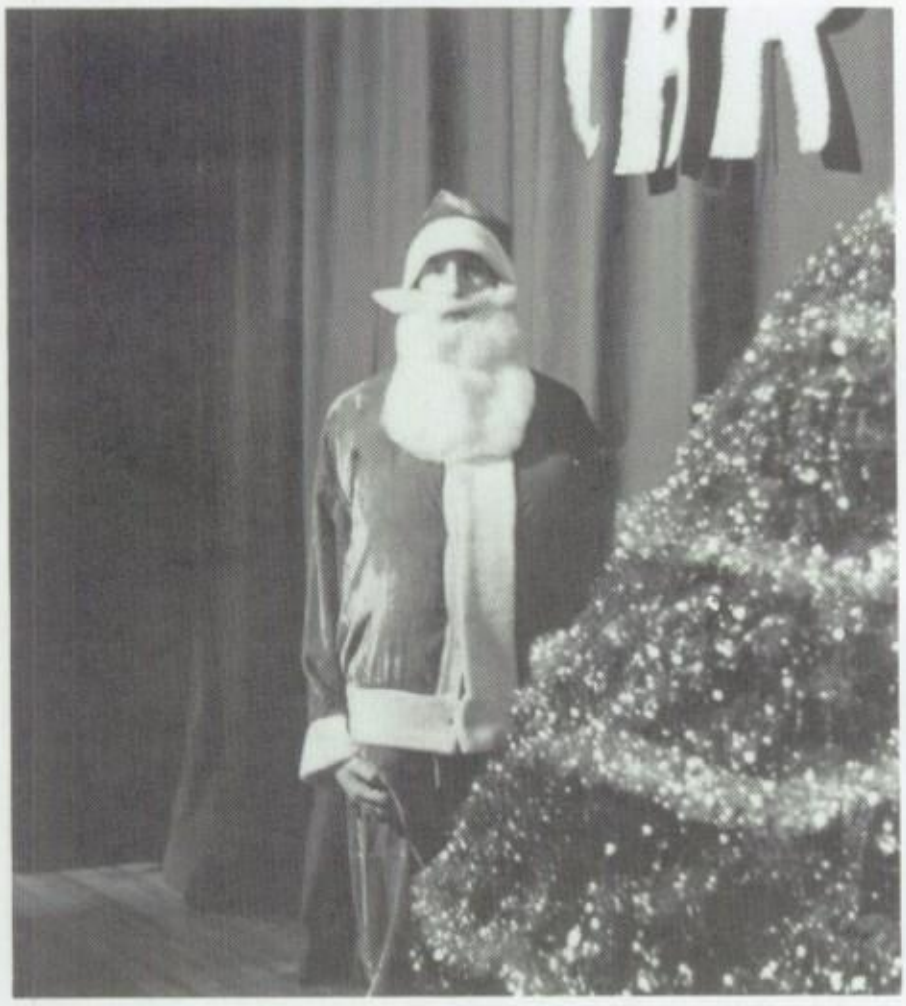


Left: The Portage Drum Majorette, **Denise Wright,** skillfully directs the band during a halftime routine. **Bottom left:** Majorette **Shawna Sossong,** shows her spirit as she and the other majorettes twirl streamers to the band's musical accompaniment. **Below: Kathy Galla** and **Sue Stoke** show their skills as they play their trombones to entertain enthusiastic fans between halves of a home football game.

Right: SENIOR HIGH CHORUS OFFICERS—Left to right: Lisa Markovich—president; Carol Teno—vice-president; Kim Thomas- secretary; Sharon Grove—treasurer. **Far right: CHORUS PIANO ACCOMPANISTS—Left to right:** Kim Sweeney and Robyn Adams.

SENIOR HIGH CHORUS—Left to right, row 1: Dotty Burkett, Sandy Farren, Elizabeth Selepack, Kim Foreman, Barb Myers, Renee Wilcox, Michelle Rummell, Rita Hodgson, Lisa McCabe, Kristy Zabrosky, Debbie George, Tina Pallone, Cathy Zock, Renee Macidyn, Lisa Diehl, Kim Sweeney. **Row 2:** Wendy Hazlett, Michelle Irvin, Kay Weyandt, Cheri Hopper, Samantha Jones, Lori Wolford, Jill Crum, Roxanne Maul, Missy Crum, Robin Thomas, Tammy Bloom, Brenda Koshak, Lisa Sendzik, Dawn Gentile, Sue Tigyer, Kathy Custer, Shelly Benjack, Tina Mandichak, Cathy George, Brenda George, Sherry Latherow, Lisa Markovich, Val Grecek, Mr. Black—director. **Row 3:** Denise Wright, Lisa Ritchey, Barb Myers, Elaine Smith, Melany Chobany, Carm Campagna, Mary Beth Sigado, Cindy Baughman, Kim Robine, Kelly Andrews, Diane Rorabaugh, Alicia Simala, Teresa Feathers, Kathy Thomas, Kim Thomas, Carol Teno, Debbie Kephart, Nina Girard, Jeanine Fedorko, Dawn Barrett, Becky O'Shaben, Sharon Grove, Patty Roush, Lynn Hopper, Bonnie Michrina.

JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS—Left to right, row 1: Carrie Schaffranek, Patrice Nezneski, Kim Hufford, Sherry Elchin, Sally Shockey, Colleen Claar, Karen Schaffranek, Kim Cadwallader, Chris Whitcomb, Tracy Wyandt, Clare Kick. **Row 2:** Missy Black, Diane Brown, Lori Adams, Tammy Baer, Tammy Farabaugh, Sue Koshak, Roberta Zaremba, Cathy Scoran, Denise Lysinger, Renee Roberts, Shari Gaunt, Renee Rambeau, Kim Branas. **Row 3:** Lisa Fedorko, Tess Fuzie, Rebecca Adams, Robin Pauley, Mary Yetsko, Frances Rusnak, Leslie Cerwensky, Sue Burkett, Esteline Krisko, Sharon Onder, Andrea Kittell, Lisa Galus, Chris Borenish, Mary Fox, Chris Lutz.



Top: The **Senior High Chorus** sings their last selection at the Christmas Concert. **Above: Santa (Barb Myers)** takes time out from a busy holiday schedule to pose by the Christmas tree for the yearbook photographer. **Right: Mary Kuchera** plays a flute solo during one of the selections which the Junior High Chorus performed for the Christmas program.

Left: Kim Sweeney, a piano accompanist for the chorus, concentrates on playing a selection during the Christmas Concert. **Below: Cathy Scoran, Tricia Benko,** and **Nikki Chappell** talk about plans for their Christmas vacation prior to the annual Choral Christmas program. Bottom: **Brenda Koshak** and **Tammy Bloom** look as if they are up to no good again. Perhaps their smiles are those of exuberance because of the Christmas season!!!!!

Chorus' Holiday Concert Delights Audience

The Christmas Concert was held on December 23, under the direction of Mr. Ron Black, who directs both the Senior High Chorus and the Junior High Chorus. Both of these vocal groups spent many hours practicing and planning for this special event.

The selections which they sang were well-performed Some of the songs which they sang included "Caroling, Caroling," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Frosty the Snowman," "A Special Night," "Carol of the Cradle," the "Christmas Medley.". These were performed by the Senior High Chorus.

The Junior High Chorus sang "The Star of Light," "Christmas Time Is More Than Just a Day," and "One Little Star."

Top: Mr. Black gets ready for the Christmas Concert by practicing with the chorus members. **Above:** Members of the 1982 County Chorus are (left to right) **Cindy Baughman, Becky Adams, Kim Sweeney, Sharon Grove, Mary Beth Sigado,** and **Tracy Wyandt.**

Top: The **Brass Choir** entertained the student body prior to the beginning of the Christmas Concert. **Left:** In an effort to make the auditorium stage look at Christmas-like as possible, **Sharon Grove** puts the finishing touches on the Christmas tree. **Above:** The chorus sings one of their enchanting holiday songs during the Christmas program.

National Honor Society Holds Annual Inductions

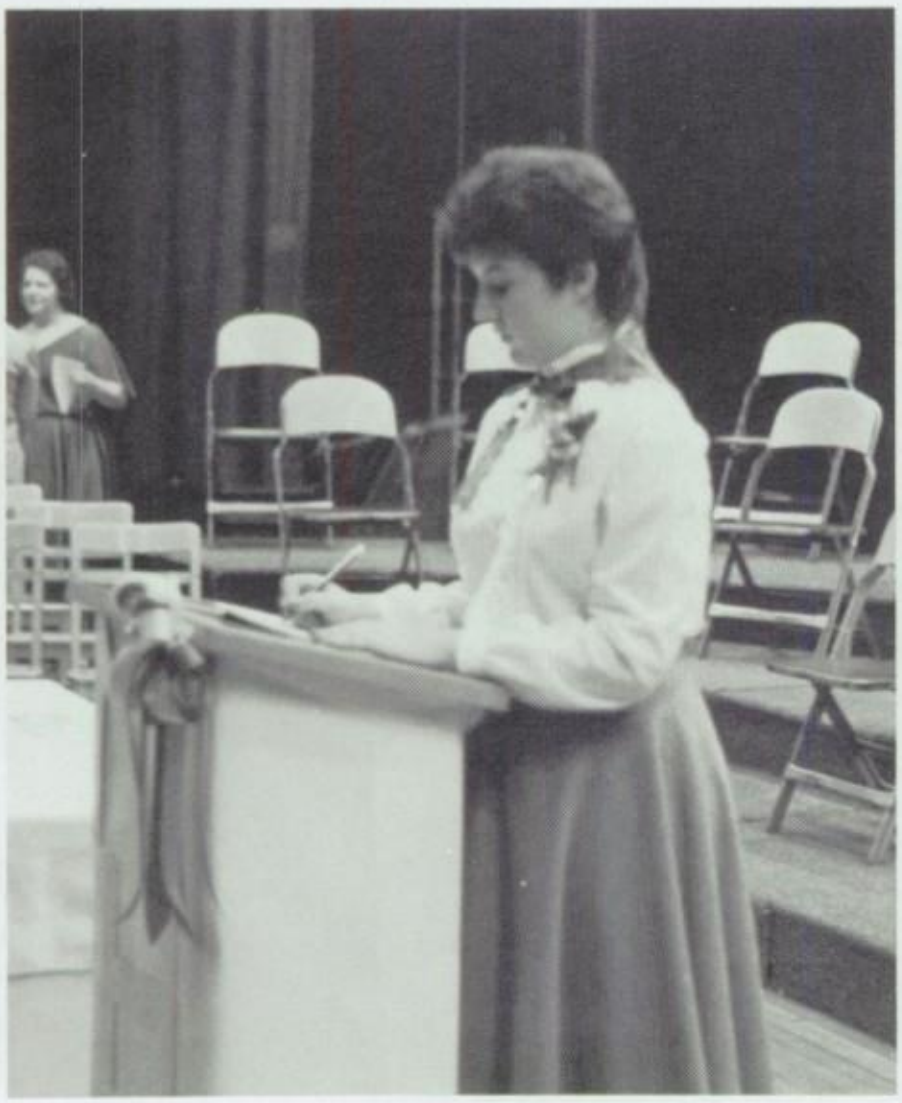
The annual National Honor Society (NHS) Inductions for the Portage Area High School Chapter were held on November 22, 1982, in the high school auditorium. Thirteen juniors were inducted into the organization during an impressive candlelight ceremony. The ceremony was conducted by senior members of the NHS. The guest speaker was Miss Beverly Mears, a PAHS graduate who was in the first group of students to be inducted into the NHS at Portage Area.

During the ceremony, each of the inductees was called on stage, received the NHS ribbon and membership pin, and signed the membership register. The group then recited the NHS pledge. At the end of the inductions, refreshments were served in the high school cafeteria.

In order to become a member of the NHS, each candidate must fulfill the following requirements: be outstanding in the areas of leadership, scholarship, character, and service. The NHS adviser is Mrs. Lorraine Castel.

Above: NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS—Front to back, row 1: Teresa Cyran, Kim Koban, Robyn Adams, Maria George, Nina Girard, Bill Moyer. **Row 2:** Robin Thomas, Valerie Grecek, Karen Gossard, Kelly McCabe, Wendi Hazlett, Paula Vancheri, Annette Gossard. **Row 3:** Larry Michaels, Pete Koza, Denise Wright, Steve Petney, Shawn McDonald. **Top: Nina Girard** served as master of ceremonies for the 1982 induction of the National Honor Society members.

Left: NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES—Clockwise from top: Trina Petney, Sue Bryja, Mary Beth Sigado, Lori Wolford, Lisa Sendzik, Joanne Gossard, Sue Farren, Kim Sweeney, Tammy Bloom, Kathy Galla, Sharon Grove, Charlie Plummer, Kip Hanak.



Above: NHS OFFICERS AND ADVISER—Left to right: Nina Girard—president; Teresa Cyran—secretary; Mrs. Lorraine Castel—adviser; Mary Kuchera—vice-president; Valerie Grecek—treasurer. **Left: Mary Beth Sigado,** an NHS inductee, signs the Portage Area High School NHS Membership Register.

Robyn Adams Reigns As '83 Homecoming Queen

Portage Area High School's annual homecoming was held on October 15, 1982, at the Portage versus Johnstown Vo-Tech football game which was played at the Portage Football Stadium.

This year's queen was Miss Robyn Adams, who was crowned by Christine Borlie, the 1982 Portage Homecoming Queen. The members of her court, who were elected by their classmates, were escorted onto the field by their respective fathers.

When Robyn was asked to comment about being named as this year's queen, she said that she had no idea that she would be chosen. She also noted that it was indeed a great honor to be nominated for the Homecoming Court by her fellow classmates.

1982 PORTAGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING COURT—Left to right: Karen Myher, Gina Solarczyk, Robyn Adams, Kelly McCabe, Chris Borlie, Lisa Markovich, Debbie Koza, Dawn Fetsko.

Far left: Kelly McCabe congratulates **Robyn Adams** as she is named 1982 PAHS Homecoming Queen. **Left: Chris Borlie** crowns **Robyn Adams** as Portage's 1982 Homecoming Queen.

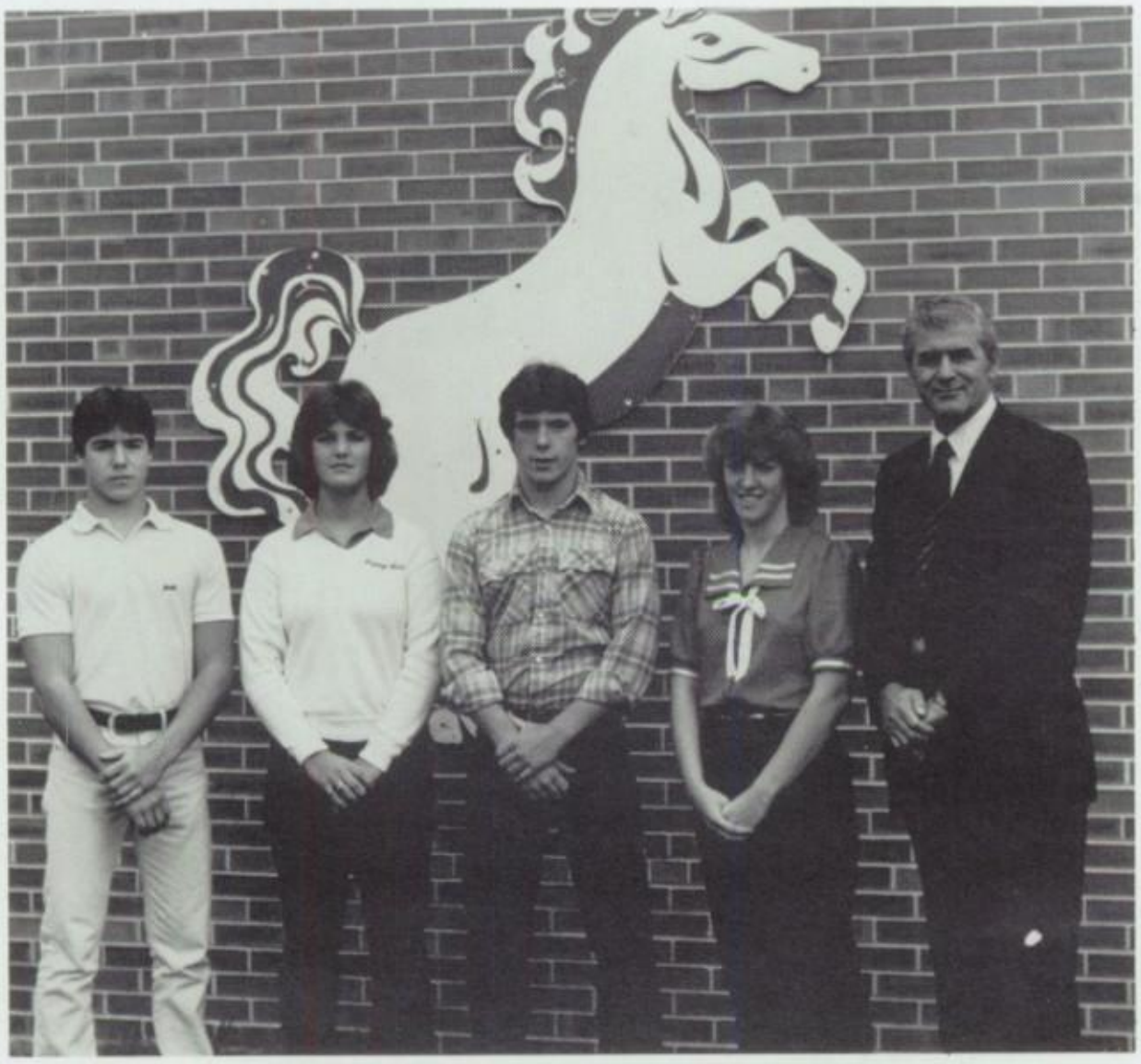
Left: Senior attendant, **Lisa Markovich** is escorted by her father, **Mr. Elmer Markovich,** before the name of the queen is announced. **Above: Kelly McCabe** smiles in anticipation as her father escorts her to the risers where she awaited the name of the queen to be announced.

Student Council Serves PAHS Student Body

The student council is a very active group in both the school and the community. The main function of the student council is to promote student participation in the organization of our school. Throughout the year, the group conducted a fund drive for the American Heart Association, sponsored a student bloodmobile visit, and sponsored an "adopted" girl named Hayja Jaud from the Philippines. They held a dance in September to raise money to send to Hayja to help pay for her education.

Two student council members are representatives to the Student Forum. The representatives are Shari Davis and Doug Pauley. The Student Forum consists of students from area schools who meet periodically to discuss ways to improve their schools and the communications between them. The student council is advised by Mr. Stephen Nyeste.

STUDENT COUNCIL—Left to right, row 1: Bridget Smith, Sally Shockey, Vikki Ann Ramos, Christine Fetsko, Patricia Benko, Michael Gillin, Scott Chrisko. **Row 2:**Sondra Wilcox, Annette Koenigsberg, Patrick Lengel, George Fetsko, Georgette Szuhaj, Rebecca Adams, Andrea Kittell, Mary Fox. **Row 3:** Greg Letzo, Robert Sossong, Gayle Olszewski, Cathy George. **Row 4:** Dawn Fetsko, Suzanne Bryja, Chris Hudak, Kim Sweeney, Lisa Sendzik, Doug Pauley, Don Gouse. **Row 5:** Shari Davis, Kelly McCabe, Bill Corrente, Kevin Lazor, Lisa Markovich, Robin Thomas, Nina Girard.



Far Left: Karen Myher, sophomore student council representative, looks as if she is enjoying selling refreshments at the Student Council Dance which was held in September. **Left: Student Council Officers and Adviser—Left to right:** Kevin Lazor—vice-president, Shari Davis—president, Doug Pauley—treasurer, Dawn Fetsko—secretary, Mr. Nyeste—adviser.

Left: Kim Sweeney and **Lisa Sendzik** listen attentively to a discussion at a student council meeting. **Above: Chris Hudak** and **Sue Bryja** share a light moment as they wait for a student council meeting to come to order.

Right: Sharon Grove and **Deb Koza** work hard to get the school newspaper, the **Hilltop,** ready to print. **Below: Michele Spahr** and **Dawn Fetsko** crop pictures which will be used in this year's yearbook.

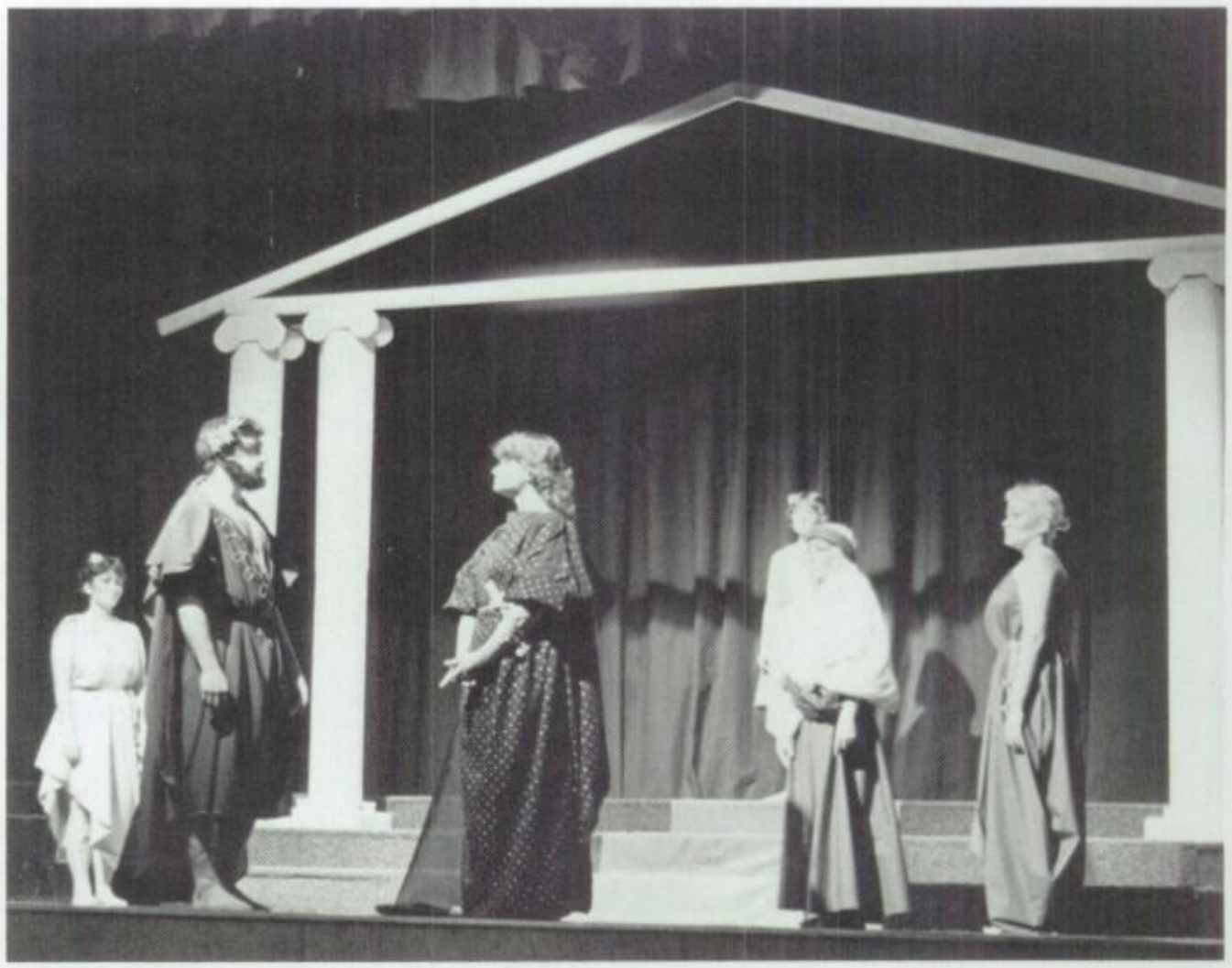
YEARBOOK AND NEWSPAPER STAFFS—Top to bottom: Val Grecek, Tom Leturgey, Kelly Andrews, Miss Yanzetich—adviser, Diane Maloney, Deb Kephart, Kathy Borenish, Brenda George, Kim Robine, Kay Weyandt, Sondi Wilson, Rosalie Delimata, Gwen Gorba, Teresa Feathers, Mary Kleman, Debra Koza, Sharon Grove, Janis Rambeau, Dawn Fetsko, Michele Spahr, Lisa McCabe, Lisa Roberts, Denise Stoker, Kristy Zabrosky.

Newspaper & Yearbook Staffs Report Student News

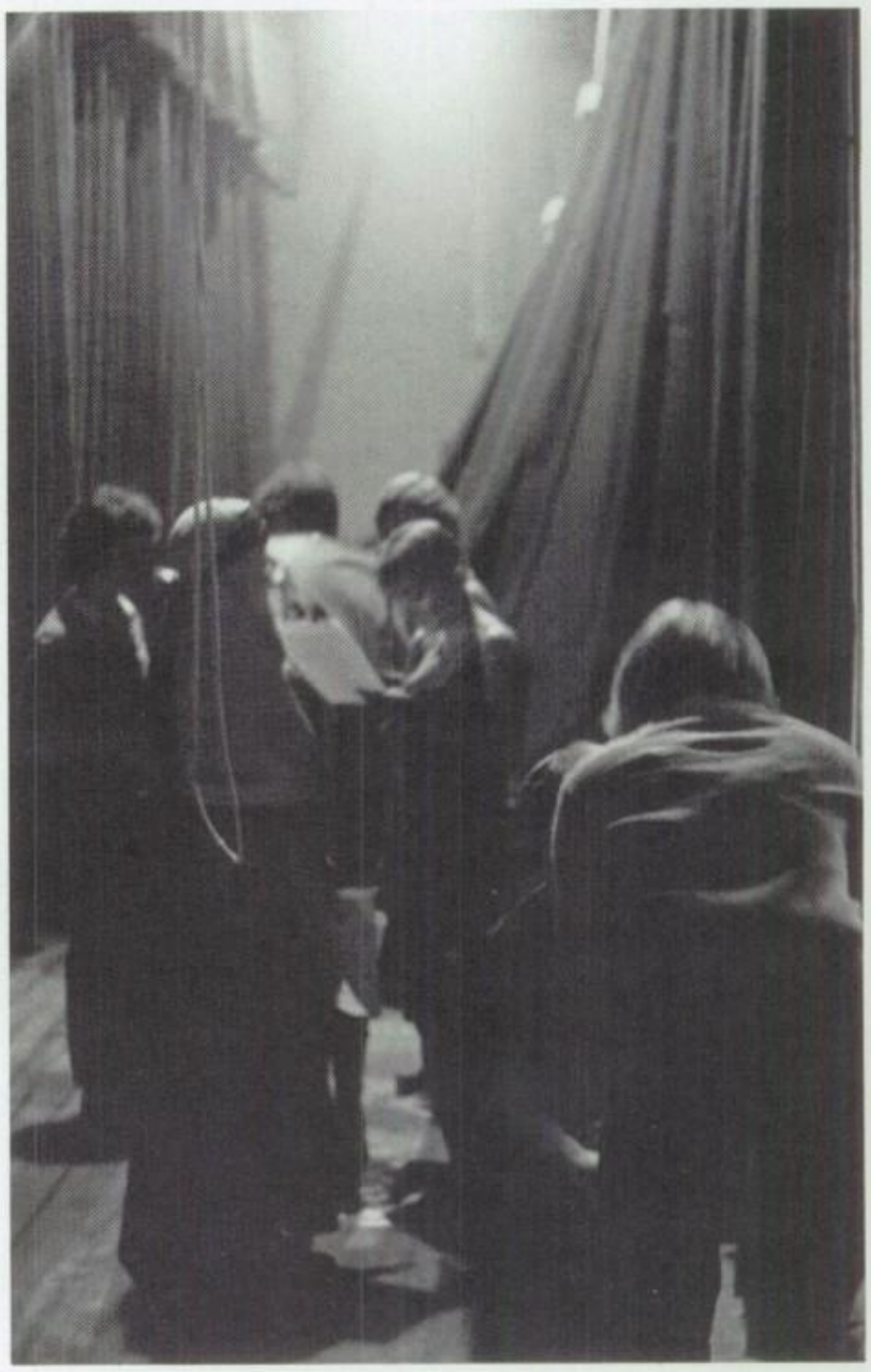
Both the 5th period and 8th period journalism classes worked on each of the school's publications, the **Hilltop** and the **Excelsior.** The staff worked diligently taking pictures, preparing layouts, writing copy, and cropping pictures for the yearbook and completing **Hilltop** articles by deadline times. The student photographers used much of their own free time taking pictures at various extra-curricular functions.

Under the direction of Miss Yanzetich, everyone put forth a great effort to make the **Hilltop** and **Excelsior** quality publications which enhanced school life and will preserve precious memories for years to come.

Above: The fifth period journalism class looks at old yearbooks and pictures for some ideas for our 1983 yearbook. **Top: Missy Neilson** and **Kris Fuzie,** two of the yearbook photographers, look over some pictures they took for the yearbook.



Aegeus (Bill Corrente) talks to **Medea (Kelly Andrews)** while the **Nurse** and the **Chorus** look on. Chorus members (left to right) are **Suzy Lutz, Mary Kuchera,** and **Karen Yetsko.**



Above: Medea shows **Jason** his dead sons as the **Nurse** looks away. **Right:** Last minute preparations, repairs, and adjustments were made back stage before the play got underway.

Drama Club Presents Greek Tragedy "Medea"

On November 18 and 19, the Portage High School Drama Club presented the Greek classic, **Medea.** The play, a tragedy written by Euripedes, was well-received by those who attended. The plot of the play centers around Medea, who was played by Kelly Andrews. Medea is determined to get revenge on her husband, Jason, played by Bob Williams. Jason only married Medea for her wealth, and he decides to leave her to marry another woman who can give him a greater social position.

Although the play was written more than two thousand years ago, it remains popular because its themes of greed, jealousy, and revenge are timeless.

The drama club devoted many hours of diligent practice into preparing for a quality production. Mr. Vrabel, the director of the play, was pleased with the students' efforts and the overall performance of the play.

Top: Robin Thomas, who portrays the Nurse, talks to **Pat Lengel,** the tutor, while the two boys, **Eric Vrabel** and **Casey Castel,** play ball on the steps. **Above: Mary Kuchera,** a chorus member, **Robin Thomas,** the Nurse, and two servants, **Missy Crum** and **Ellen Dividock,** watch as **Medea** tells **Jason** and **boys** to take the pillows of gold treasurers to the King's daughter.

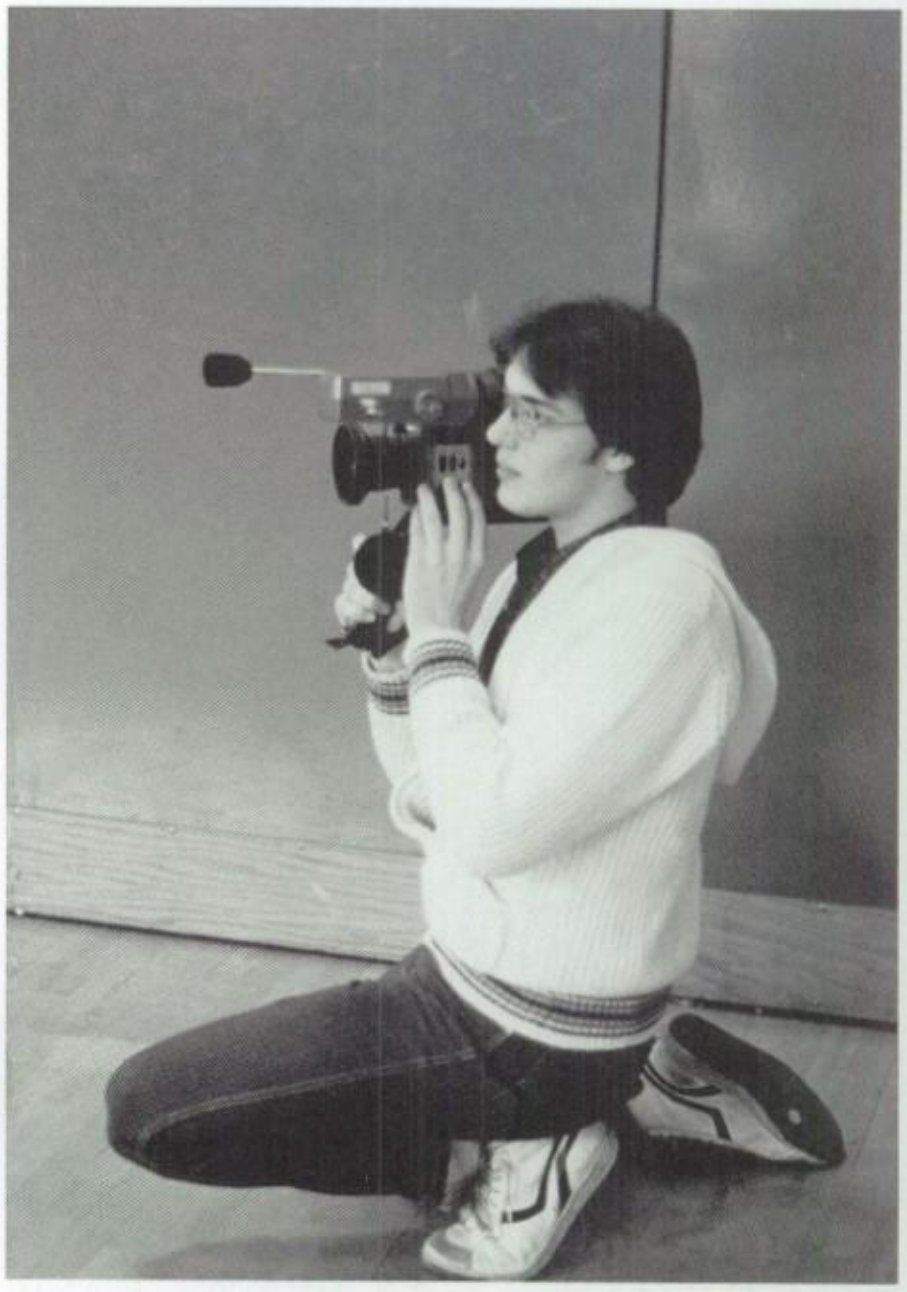
Ski Club, Varsity Club, And Audio Visual Club Attract Students' Interest

In addition to the formal classroom instruction offered to all PAHS students, there are also some clubs which interested students may join. Three of these clubs are the Ski Club, the Varsity Club and the Audio Visual (AV) Club.

The Ski Club, under the direction of Mr. Benko, braves cold weather, gusty winds, and icy roads to travel to the nearby Blue Knob Ski Area during the winter months. Once a week during the month of January, PAHS skiing enthusiasts spent the early evening hours gracefully skiing (or clumsily falling) down the snow- covered slopes.

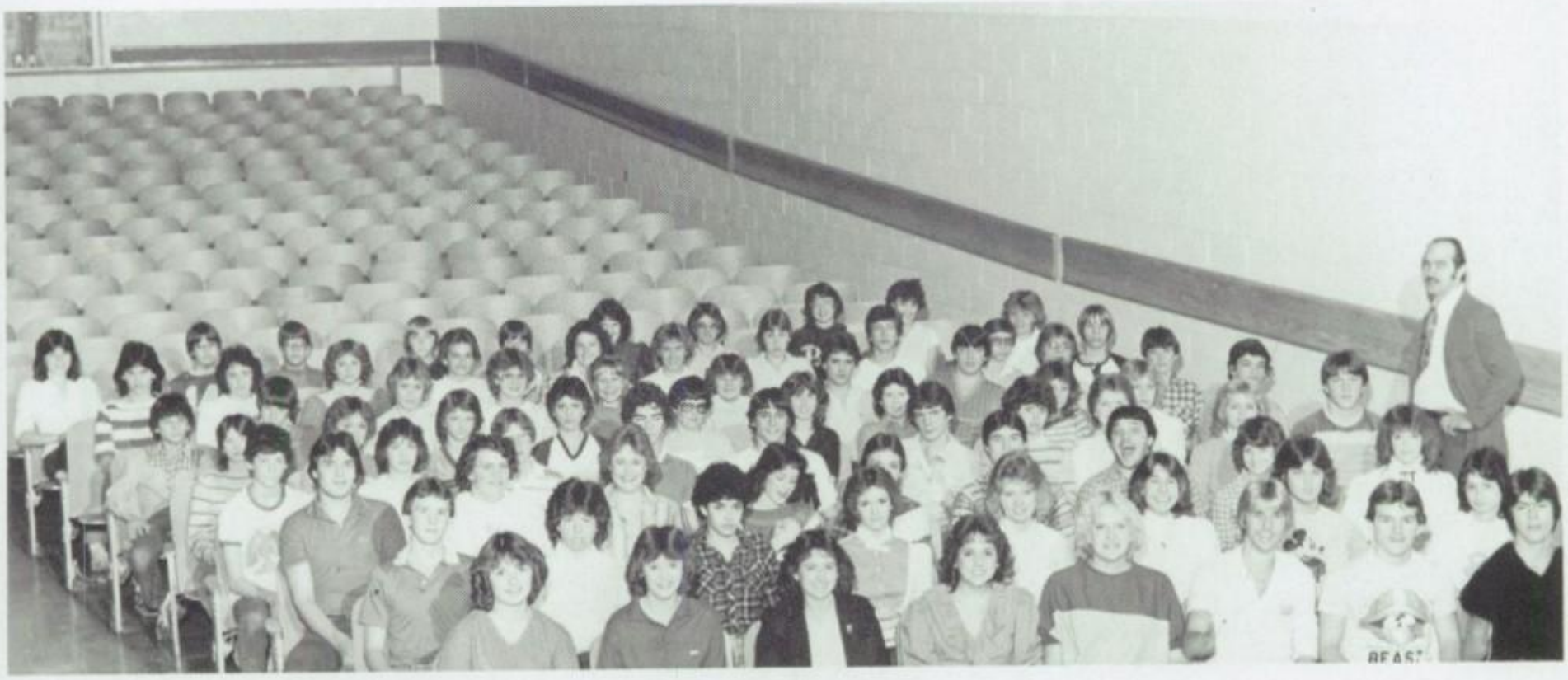
The AV Club, advised by Mr. Joseph Norris, provides many valuable services to the school. The members of the club set up equipment for special assemblies, video tapes various events, and work with other AV equipment in the school.

The Varsity Club is an organization which honors athletes in senior high varsity sports who have earned a minimum of one varsity letter. Members of the club conduct several selling projects to raise money to finance varsity jackets for the club's members.



VARSITY CLUB—Left to right, row 1: Annette Gossard, Marlene Klein, Terry Chappell, Karen Spaid, Karen Yetsko, Paula Vancheri, Kim Ritchey, Judy Letzo, Shari Davis, Kathy Borenish. **Row 2:** Mr. McCabe—adviser, Mr. Kittell—adviser, Jim Michaels, Karen Gossard, Kim Koban, Larry Michaels, Tim Price, Bill Corrente, Tom Maloskey. **Row 3:** Kevin Lazor, Matt Kleman, John Myher, Ron Kuntz, Ray Lee, Jim Fryzlewicz. **Row 4:** Larry Gloster, Bill Moyer, Pete Koza, Steve Petney, Brian Jubina, Paul Chobany, Frank Jubara.

AUDIO VISUAL CLUB—Left to right: Rich Cordek, Chuck Makosky, Brian Fisher, Bruce Onder, Alan Scarton, Bob McCarty, Mr. Joseph Norris—adviser.



SKI CLUB—Left to right, row 1: Marlene Klein, Bonnie Hochrein, Suzy Lutz, Beth Hochrein, Karen Yetsko, Chuck Serenko, Brian Kunko, Ryan Pauley. **Row 2:** Bob Williams, Robyn Adams, Kathy Borenish, Karen Gossard, Debbie Rorabaugh, Mary Kuchera, Shari Davis, Paula Vancheri. **Row 3:** Alan Scarton, Patty Gallaher, Missy Neilson, Kim Ritchey, Kim Koban, Kevin Lazor, Bill Corrente, Kelly McCabe, Annette Gossard. **Row 4:** Mark Gahagen, Debbie Latherow, Doug Redfern, Mike Bodosky, Charlie Plummer, Doug Pauley, Jilann Anderson, Missy McQuillen, Denise Stoker, Don Gouse. **Row 5:** Dana Moyer, Chris Mulhollen, Jean Vaughn, Yvette Benko, Keith Kearney, Janae Plummer, Renee Smith, Val Sabala, Vanessa Sabala, Joe Krisko. **Row 6:** Gene Krisko, Chris Pisarski, Natalie Grecek, Laurie Gouse, Diane Rorabaugh, Sharon McCarthy, Chet Hochrein, Jeff Kissell, Tony Letzo, Jeff Plummer. **Row 7:** Chris Borenish, Andrea Kittell, Chris Whitcomb, Lisa Galus, Becky Adams, Nicki Chappell, Gerogette Szuhaj, Pat Lengel, Andy Teno, Chris Serenko. **Row 8:** Tracy Wyandt, John Duke, Dave Rambeau, Eric Fedorko, Chris Kissell, Trinette Mazur, Tricia Benko, Bobbi Zaremba, Lisa Harris, Patrice Nezneski.

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Taking a retrospective glance at the 1982-83 school term, it was a year of "friendships"; also, it was a year that "bookends" were put on some phases of school life. For the seniors, this year marked the end of one phase of life—that of public education. For the past twelve years, members of the Class of '83 have been through many good times and some bad ones too. There were the days when they made passing grades; there were the days when the grades were not so good. There were victories in sports; but, then too, there were some defeats. The past twelve years also saw the formation of many friendships—friendships which have been invaluable in times of jubilation or in times of frustration. As the 1982-83 school year comes to a close and moves toward the 1983-84 school term, the seniors say farewell to PAHS, but they will file their memories of the time spent here between the "book-ends" in their mind.

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